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40% OF NHS BOSSES FACE AXE AS CASH CUTS START



GLOOM: Steve Phoenix

THE axe is set to fall on close to half of all management jobs across the NHS as part of swingeing cuts to reduce public spending.

The posts will go across Kent and Medway as the health service braces itself for the 'age of austerity'.

The three primary care trusts (PCTs) that cover the county will slash spending on management by 40 per cent over three years to make millions of pounds in savings, the chief executive of NHS West Kent, Steve Phoenix, revealed to KOS Media.

EXCLUSIVE

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

And Mr Phoenix described the upcoming cuts as the most sustained and savage for generations.

Health bosses are preparing for the biggest shake-up in the NHS for a decade as the coalition Government begins to implement its new policies which include plans to give GPs a lot more control and responsibility over commissioning services.

The NHS budget will also be under huge pressure over a prolonged period with a gap between spending and funding of around 20 per cent.

Mr Phoenix revealed: "I think it will be the most challenging time for the NHS in its history.

"I have been in the NHS for half of its history and there has never been a time when the NHS has faced a sustained standstill or reduction of its budget for beyond a year or so. The current situation is going to last three to four years, or possibly more."

He said the health service would

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NHS managers braced for age of austerity

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have to find smarter ways of working and focusing spending.

For example, ensuring people with conditions such as chronic asthma have their illness managed properly in the community, by themselves and their GP, so they do not need expensive hospital stays, he said.

Mr Phoenix, who has 30 years' experience in the NHS, said: "There is a sense of nervousness, of course – one thing that is certain is that lots of managerial jobs will go across the whole of Kent and Medway.

"Four jobs in 10 in PCTs amongst the commissioning staff will go. People are understandably nervous about that.

"Secondly, I think people can see the size and scale of the financial challenge. The NHS is in a better position than most other departments not to have big cuts.

"I think the coalition Government is aware the costs, even if we did nothing, are set to rise as a consequence of the ageing population, the increasing cost of drugs and wider use of drugs in different ways."

He said the NHS would have to do 120 per cent of the work with 100 per cent of the money leaving a 20 per cent spending gap to be filled.

"We will be looking to reduce, across the three PCTs in Kent and Medway, management spend by around £5 million this year with a much higher figure next year and yet higher the year after that – just over 40 per cent of the total," Mr Phoenix said.

However, he remained positive and believed the NHS was in a good position to face the challenges.

"We have been very proud of the improvements over the last 20 years," he added.

"Waiting times for the vast majority of people have been reduced and the typical waiting time for hospital treatment is eight to 10 weeks.

"I can remember a time when that typical wait would have been months and months.

"The intention of those in the NHS and the intention of political leaders is not to go backwards, but find ways to maintain improvements while extending and building on them."

Patients asked how to spend their NHS cash

By **STEVE KNIGHT**
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PREGNANT women and the elderly will be among those given NHS cash to spend on their own healthcare.

NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent is one of eight primary care trusts in England chosen to pilot the 'personal health budget' scheme, which will see patients using a preloaded card to pay for the services they need.

Those signed up to the initiative will be handed budgeted care plans allowing them to buy treatments such as physiotherapy, or health aids such as specialised beds.

Control

The pilot will run for three years and involve 75 patients from across Thanet, including the terminally ill, people with learning disabilities and mental health problems, and carers.

NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent acting chief executive David Meikle said: "Personal health budgets will help people feel in control of their care and able to make decisions about their treatment.

"This study and the support we are receiving from Kent County Council will enable us to explore new and innovative ways of giving greater patient choice, more personalised healthcare and improved health and well-being, all based on principles contained in the NHS constitution."

About 70 primary care trusts – including NHS Medway – are already involved in the personal health budget trial.



FAMILY WAY: Mums-to-be will be among those given their own NHS cash to spend

However, the pilot announced on Monday by new care services minister Paul Burstow is different because the cash goes directly to the patient instead of being held by the trusts or a third party. The other trusts signed up are in Doncaster, Central London, Islington, Merseyside, Oxford, Somerset and West Sussex.

Mr Burstow said: "There is strong evidence from the social care sector that direct payments help achieve better outcomes and give people more choice and control over the care they receive.

"They will not work for everyone or for all patient groups or services, but we want to identify whether, for whom, and how they could offer an opportunity to help achieve the best health and well-being outcomes.

"That is why we are developing this pilot programme. It will stop healthcare from slipping back to the days of one-dimensional, like-it-or-lump-it services."

Evaluated

The study is being evaluated nationally by three research teams, including one from the University of Kent's personal social services research unit.

Patients who sign up to the pilot will access services using the Kent Card, which social care recipients use to spend the money given to them by KCC.

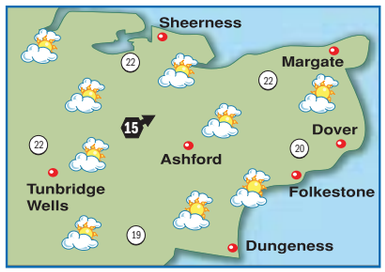
The card is partially blocked to prevent cash withdrawals, and can only be used for certain types of care.

KCC adult social services director Oliver Mills said: "More than 900 people now use the Kent Card to buy their own care and support.

"Extending this unique innovation to healthcare will create a great opportunity to personalise healthcare."

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Kent today



TODAY: Some sunshine, although skies will turn cloudier in the afternoon with the risk of a shower. Breezy with moderate to fresh south-westerly winds. Max temp 20-23C (68-73F). **TONIGHT:** Any showers will die away to leave clear periods and only a little cloud. Min temp 11-14C (52-57F).

Around Britain

		°C	°F			°C	°F
Aberdeen	rain	19	66	London	cloudy	24	75
Belfast	drizzle	18	64	Liverpool	rain	19	66
Birmingham	cloudy	21	70	Manchester	drizzle	20	68
B'mouth	fair	22	72	Newcastle	rain	19	66
Bristol	fair	19	66	Norwich	fair	23	73
Cardiff	rain	19	66	Oxford	cloudy	22	72
Cork	drizzle	18	64	Southsea	fair	21	70
Edinburgh	rain	18	64	S'hampton	fair	21	70
Glasgow	rain	17	63	Southport	rain	19	66
Isle of Man	showers	18	64	Swansea	rain	18	64
Leeds	rain	19	66	Torquay	rain	19	66

Sun & moon

Sunrise	4.43am	Sunset	9.15pm	Lighting up times:
Moonrise	11.59pm	Moonset	1.26pm	9.15pm to 4.44am

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Margate	05.42	4.0	17.52	4.2	06.30	3.9	18.41	4.1
St Mary's	10.21	4.4	22.47	4.5	11.14	4.3	23.44	4.4

Week ahead

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tuesday Sunny spells. max 24C min 13C

wednesday Light showers. max 25C min 13C

thursday Bright. Warm. max 26C min 13C

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saturday Sunny periods. max 26C min 13C

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Life for a killer who hid body in suitcase

Boyfriend dumped nurse's remains in pond

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A KILLER who left his girlfriend's body to rot inside a suitcase has been jailed for life.

Clinton Bailey, 36, from Lewisham, south-east London, murdered 37-year-old Leah Questin before stuffing her remains in a case and dumping it in a dried-up pond in Cliffe, near Rochester.

The couple met online and had only been together for four weeks when the unexplained killing took place in September, last year, after which Bailey cleared out Miss Questin's bank account.

He was found guilty on Thursday of murder after a two-week trial at the Old Bailey.

Det Chief Insp Jacqueline Sebire, of the Metropolitan Police, said: "Leah died at the hands of Bailey who, during their short relationship, deceived her and took advantage of her generosity. Following her death, Bailey emptied Leah's bank account of the money she had worked incredibly hard to save.

"He has throughout the investigation lied and denied ever murdering Leah, showing no remorse for his actions. Despite this, we have proved otherwise."

The court heard how Miss Questin was a care nurse who had come to the UK from the Philippines in 2008, specifically to fund her education in health care.





MURDERER: Clinton Bailey, left, killed his girlfriend Leah Questin, right, before dumping her body in a suitcase and stealing her life savings from her bank account

She met Bailey after responding to an online dating advert and the two quickly formed a relationship, but just four weeks later she was reported missing by a friend.

On September 24, a member of the public called Kent Police after discovering a suitcase abandoned in a dried-up pond by farmland off Buckland Road, Cliffe.

Miss Questin's badly decomposed body was found inside, sparking a murder investigation.

It emerged during the hunt for clues that Bailey had kept Miss Questin's mobile phone after her death and had continued to send text messages to her friends and even himself. He had also kept and used her Oyster travel card.

Officers made a breakthrough when descriptions of a man who purchased the suitcase and padlock from the Elephant and Castle shopping centre matched Bailey's appearance. DCI Sebire said: "There is no excuse or explanation for Bailey's actions.

"I would like to send my respects and thanks to Leah's friends and family for the support and courage they have shown throughout the trial and investigation."

Bailey was sentenced to life imprisonment with a minimum of 30 years for murder and five years for the unlawful disposal of Miss Questin's body.

He will serve the sentences concurrently.

Teacher denies abuse charges

A TEACHER has been arrested and charged with four counts of indecent assault on a 12-year-old boy. Peter Stewart, 37, of Hadrian Road, Andover, works in Wiltshire.

The offences are alleged to have taken place between October, 1994, and August, 1995, in the Canterbury area.

Stewart denied the allegations at Canterbury Magistrates Court on Thursday.

He was bailed until August 26 when he will be committed to Canterbury Crown Court for trial.

A RARE moth has been found breeding at Kingsdown, near Deal.

Scientists found a population of Sussex emerald caterpillars, which were previously only known to live in Dungeness.

Apart from in Kent, adults have been seen in Dorset, Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, East Sussex and Essex, but it is believed these moths originated from the Continent.

The protected species is described as being "fussy" in choosing its habitat.

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The Garden of England campaign brought together Visit Kent, M&C Saatchi and photographer Jean-Luc Benard to showcase Kent in a whole new way



Tornado in Kentish skies

THIS week the county has been blasted by the Sun, lashed by a near monsoon, and even a tornado made an appearance.

KOS Media reader Norman Baldwin sent in this shot of a twister that appeared near his home.

He said: "For about 10 minutes I observed a tornado at around 11.30am from my home in Wingham, near Canterbury.

"It was in a south-east direction at an elevation of about 15 to 20 degrees. It didn't appear to be touching down. Through binoculars I could see the tail rotating anti-clockwise.

"The photo is the best I could take before it annihilated itself. Unfortunately, I couldn't focus on a close-up shot."

The UK-based Tornado and Storm Research Organisation said it was not uncommon for tornados to appear in the UK.

A spokesman said: "Based on a 30-year average, about 33 tornadoes occur each year in the UK. One of Britain's two most severe tornadoes destroyed the church of St Mary le Bow and 600 homes in London on October 23, 1091.

"Four of the church's 26ft long rafters were reportedly driven so hard into the ground that only four feet of them was visible.

"And on September 12, 1810, a tornado travelled from Old Portsmouth to Southsea Common. An eyewitness spoke of the lead roof of a bank being 'rolled up like a piece of canvas and blown away'."

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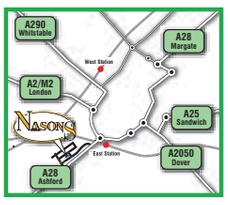


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Seen and herd after Justa's change of heart

A NEWBORN elephant at Howletts wild animal park, near Canterbury, was lucky to survive after its mother started to turn on it.

Justa was becoming aggresive towards her first-born, leading to fears the calf would not survive.

Human intervention is rarely successful because the calf needs antibodies from its mother's milk to fight infections. And it is even rarer for elephants to take back their young after being removed by humans.

But the keepers never gave up hope and after six weeks of coaxing not only has Justa accepted her calf – but so has the rest of the 15-strong herd.

Keepers say Justa is normally docile, which meant staff could hand-feed the calf without separating mum and daughter. The as yet unnamed calf was given a special milk formula by the team, who worked a rota that included 15-hour night shifts.

Over the first week, Justa gradually began to tolerate her calf, then responded to her and showed signs of maternal behaviour. Two weeks later the calf was beginning to feed from her mother.

Now at six weeks the baby is enjoying life with the rest of the Howletts herd and delighted keepers at the Bekesbourne park have announced her arrival to the world. The news comes as the park reflects on the 10th anniversary of the death of its founder, John Aspinall.



Picture: DAVE ROLFE

BIG NEWS: The baby elephant can be seen at Howletts wild animal park

Diplomatic Ann is staying silent

ANN Widdecombe has declined to comment on speculation she could become the British ambassador to the Vatican.

Ms Widdecombe turned her back on the Church of England to become a Catholic amid the controversy over women priests.

The former Home Office minister stood down as Maidstone and Weald MP at the General Election, and has been at the centre of speculation ever since. Current holder of the position, Francis Campbell, will leave the job after Pope Benedict XVI's first official visit to Britain this autumn.

Asked about the possibility of the ambassadorship, Ms Widdecombe said: "There's absolutely nothing and there won't be for months, so you can all go back to sleep."

Asked if she would take the role, if it was offered, she said: "I can't even answer that. I'm keeping a diplomatic silence."

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Julie Maddocks takes a trip to discover the hidden gem of Finchcocks Musical Museum

Lovedays plan a chart attack



THE LOVEDAYS: from left – Samuel Jacques, Dean Whale, Ben Jones, Paul Moss

A FACEBOOK campaign aimed at helping unsigned musicians invade the Top 40 has given new hope to a band from Kent.

The Lovedays – consisting of Ben Jones, 27, from Maidstone; Dean Whale, 23, from Gillingham; Sam Jacques, 22, from Maidstone; and Paul Moss, 42, from Canterbury – are one of 40 acts selected for the Storm the Charts initiative.

It is urging music lovers to battle back against the major record labels this weekend. Each band has put forward one song for download, with the hope that at least one of them will break into the Top 40. Lovedays singer-songwriter Ben, said the campaign was about promoting talent over image.

Admirable

"I think it's very admirable and very honourable to actual music-makers," he added. "It's put the power back into the hands of the fans and that's the way it should be. Music shouldn't be a beauty contest."

Described by one reviewer as a band that has "dragged the sound of the 1960s back into the 21st century", the Lovedays say their inspiration comes from such bands as the Beatles and the Beach Boys.

But should they wish to break into this Sunday's Top 40, they will have to compete with the likes of Lady Gaga, Eminem and the current number one, Katy Perry.

When asked if he thought his band could make it big without the Facebook campaign, Ben said: "I'd like to think so, but publicity is so hard to come by if you don't have a big marketing machine behind you.

"Even Paul McCartney has said the Beatles wouldn't have won X Factor because they're not what the major labels are looking for. A lot of it now is disposable bubblegum music. A campaign like this does give people a greater option though, and Facebook has become a powerful media tool in itself."

The Lovedays were one of 20 acts selected for Storm the Charts through a public vote, with the other 20 chosen by music industry insiders such as Radio 1 DJ Huw Stephens.

All were expected to need more than 7,000 downloads before midnight on Saturday to stand a chance of breaking into the Top 40.

Ben said: "I think our chances are very slim, to be honest, but it would mean everything to us if we were able to do it.

"Breaking into the charts through people power and word of mouth alone would be two fingers up to the record industry."

The Lovedays' song House of Cards can be downloaded from Amazon and iTunes, and a music video can also be viewed on YouTube.

Visit www.thelovedays.net for more information. The Official Chart Show with Reggie Yates airs on BBC Radio 1 from 4pm on Sunday.

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Checkpoint tribute

THE British Army and Afghan National Police have renamed a patrol base in Helmand Province after a military policeman from Deal who died protecting the Afghans he was mentoring there.

Sergeant Robert 'L-D' Loughran-Dickson, 33, died in November while patrolling near Lashkar Gah. He was killed in an exchange of fire with insurgents. A plaque to commemorate his sacrifice has been put up and the compound where he was working in the Bolan District has been renamed as Checkpoint L-D.

Staff Sergeant Holly Turner: "Robert was a great guy – caring, generous and thoughtful."

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THE INTERVIEW

BY JANE CONNOLLY

Larry tells secret of his happiness

FIND out how you can be as happy as Larry with the new fund-raising book by a Medway author.

After years of entertaining family and friends with witty anecdotes from his life and career, Larry Brooks decided to write down all his best stories in aid of a good cause.

With his self-published life story, Happy As Larry, he hopes to help other people become content and will donate the profits to the Demelza House children's hospice at Bobbing, near Sittingbourne.

"Friends say I'm a good storyteller, whether it's tales from childhood, school or university," Brooks, 63, said.

"Our honeymoon was rather funny and lots of things happened at work and more recently. I try to entertain people with true life stories and they say, 'That's funny, you should write it down'.

"I also wanted to put a marker down for my grandchildren; I wanted to say, 'This is what I'm about and what we're about'."

As well as exploring his own life and experiences, the retired IT worker from Rainham also charts the social and cultural events which have unfolded throughout his lifetime.

"It's a love story, as I've been married to Ruth for 42 years, but it's also very much a social history," he said.

"I was in computing for more than 40 years and I've seen a lot of things from the beginning. There are chapters with music, sport, famous people I've met and the best advice I've ever had, mostly from my father.

"There are chapters on all sorts of things and what has gone on around me."

Although Brooks and his family have faced challenges like anyone else – such as family bereavements and the loss of someone close to them in the July 7 London bombings – Brooks describes himself as "99 per cent happy" and hopes his book might help other people to discover the secret of happiness.

"That's what you ask everybody and it's what everyone wants, for themselves and their children," he said. "I think it's about looking for a way forward.

"However bad things might be, it's about thinking 'This has happened, but what should I do now?'

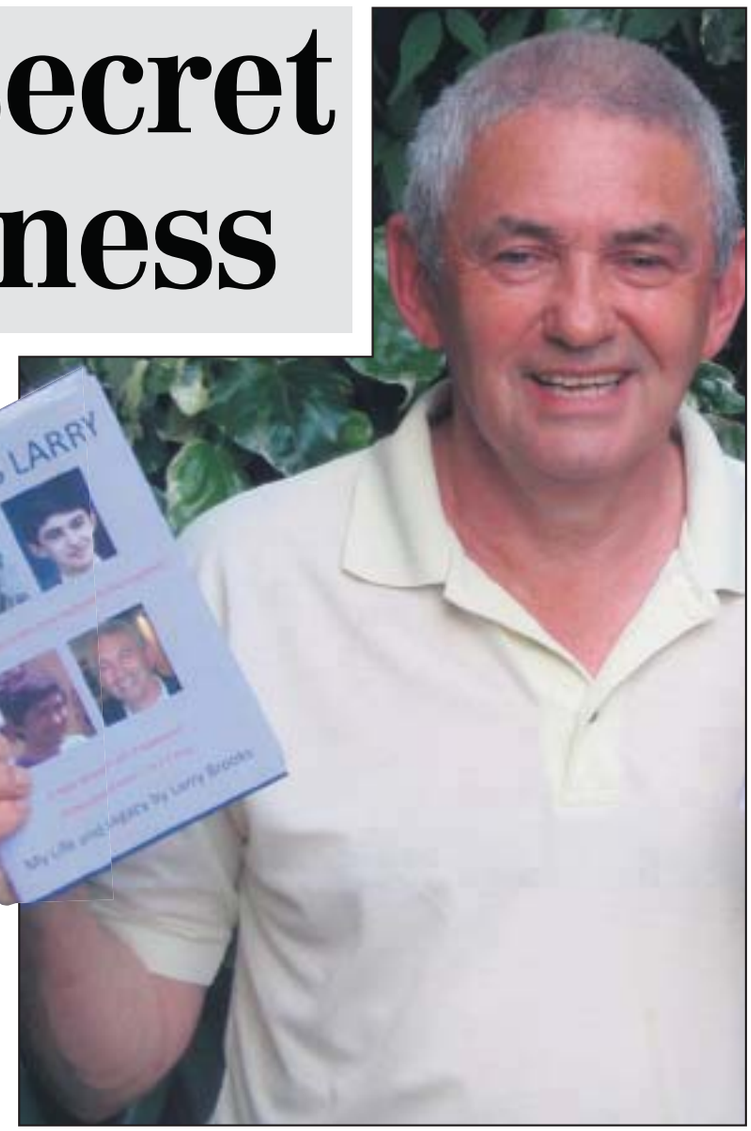
"It's also about meeting the right person, loving your job and being constructive."

Brooks already donates to Demelza but decided to do more to help by giving the profits from his book to the children's charity.

"It's a very sad business that children there have terminal illnesses. My first memory is from when I was four and going into hospital with my tonsils.

"The boy in the bed next to me was yellow and bald and I could tell there was something seriously wrong with him. In later years, I learned about cancer. Demelza's a good cause and, being local, I can see the good it's doing."

Happy As Larry is priced £10 in paperback, or £15 hardback. To obtain a copy, send an email to: larrybrooks2000@hotmail.com; or visit www.happy-as-larry.com.



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Big boys' toys

Hornby opens museum to show off its unique models collection

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MANY boys had a Hornby trainset when they were little, and some adults still have one hidden away in the loft.

But how did the company start, and just how many ancient models do you remember?

Now finding the answers are easy because this weekend sees the company opening its own museum, and it is packed full of sets, and running stock.

Being able to wander through a massive Aladdin's Cave of old models is a dream come true for any enthusiast.

Visitors can take a trip through time and see how Hornby developed its range of not only trains, but also Airfix, Corgi, and Scalextric, dating back to the Roaring Twenties.

The visitor centre is at its base in Westwood, Margate, and opens for the first time on Saturday, July 3.

The company said it is expecting visitors from all over the world to eventually make their way through the hallowed doors, and help boost the tourism in the area.

Hornby operations director Nick Cole said the earliest clockwork metal shells are there, right up to the powerful and sophisticated modern electronic models.

There are trains, cars and aeroplanes.

He said parents will be able to see those models long forgotten over the decades.

Mr Cole said: "The oldest is a clockwork 'O-gauge' Hornby train made in Liverpool in 1921.

"It's a bit battered because it was played with a lot."

That one came from the family that once owned the famous company Tri-ang, which eventually became part of the Hornby empire.



MODEL DAY OUT: Visitors from all over the world are expected to enjoy new museum

Other classic models have been loaned by collectors.

Hornby said the exhibits will be changed often so there should be something new to see for regular visitors, and it will also have toys made from Meccano.

It also includes the archives of the model car and plane manufacturers it has bought over the decades, including the very first Airfix model – a Ferguson tractor.

And, as if that's not enough, it will use the facility to show off new prototype lines, some of which are not even in full production yet.

The number of visitors is limited during rush times, to ensure everyone can take everything in.

The exhibition opens this weekend and will also be available on Fridays from next week.

Mr Cole said: "We are trying to promote Thanet as a visitor destination, to encourage people to maybe stay overnight and visit other places of interest, such as the Turner Centre, Quex Park, and the Spitfire and Hurricane Memorial Museum at Manston."

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MPs' CVs prove key as they win scrutiny jobs

Real-life experience put to good use in the Commons

KENT MPs will have an even bigger say on how the country is run after 12 of them won seats on highly influential select committees.

The committees act as watchdogs for the departments they represent, scrutinising their spending, policies and administration.

They also take evidence from a range of experts in their respective fields and use this to publish advice on new laws and policies.

Gravesham MP Adam Holloway is one of three Kent MPs – alongside fellow Tories Julian Brazier (Canterbury) and Bob Stewart (Beckenham) – to be elected by their fellow Parliamentarians onto the defence committee.

All three bring a wealth of knowledge to the table as Mr Holloway is a former Grenadier Guard, Mr Brazier is a former Territorial Army officer, and Mr Stewart was a United Nations commander in Bosnia.

"I think select committees are incredibly useful," said Mr Holloway. "I've spent five years on the defence committee and I've learned a huge amount. There's a tendency for MPs to increasingly deal with things local councillors should be dealing with, whereas we should be looking at the big national issues – because if we don't who will?"





INFLUENCE: Adam Holloway, Laura Sandys and Helen Grant are among the Kent MPs elected to parliamentary select committees

Experience in their chosen field is key to an MP being elected onto a select committee, as is shown by Tory Rochester and Strood representative Mark Reckless – a member of the Kent Police Authority – winning a seat on the home affairs committee.

Likewise, financial journalist Jo Johnson, the Tory Orpington MP, is on the public accounts committee, while former energy adviser Laura Sandys made the energy and climate change committee after being elected the Conservative Thanet South MP.

She said: "It is a big responsibility to sit on a committee and I hope to be able to use my experience to ensure that in the future we can benefit from energy security and put in place the measures to diminish the impact of climate change."

Other Kent representatives elected include Tonbridge and Malling MP Sir John Stanley (Con, foreign affairs), Sevenoaks MP Michael Fallon (Con, treasury), Eltham MP Clive Efford (Lab, communities and local government) and Folkestone MP Damian Collins (Con, culture, media and sport).

Veteran Tory North Thanet MP Roger Gale has been elected to the procedure committee, while qualified lawyer Helen Grant (Con, Maidstone and the Weald) will serve on the justice committee.

She said: "I am very proud to have been elected to this post.

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Gypsy leader attacks councils in planning permission battle

By **STEVE KNIGHT**
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TOWN hall leaders' calls for a government clampdown on unlawful developments has been greeted with anger by a gypsy leader.

Last week a letter signed by all 13 of Kent's district and borough heads – including Kent County Council leader Cllr Paul Carter – was sent to the Government, calling for tougher penalties for people who build without planning permission.

The document also makes a particular point about caravans and mobile homes, stating that current policy "weighs against what is acceptable and explainable" to the public.

However, Joe Jones – director of the Canterbury Gypsy Support Group and vice chairman of the international Gypsy Council – says local authorities are to blame for not providing adequate land to settle on.

"At the end of the day we need provision," he said. "And if we're not going to get it from them then we're going to get it ourselves.

"All we want is somewhere we can call home. Okay, we can't stop everywhere, but asking for more laws is ridiculous.

"There's no point dogmatising and vilifying us for their failures.

"It's getting to the point where it's time for us to protest against the councils because we can't keep taking this on the chin.

"We're sick of being pushed from pillar to post. We're not animals, we're human beings."

Later this year the Government will publish its first national planning framework, which KCC leaders hope will tackle the issue of developments being built without planning permission.

They are calling for the Con-Lib coalition to introduce a new offence that would result in deliberate offenders being forced to take down unlawful buildings or fined according to the seriousness of the case.

Tonbridge and Malling leader Cllr Mark Worrall said: "Unlawful development can scar the countryside and is the bane of many villagers' lives.

"This simple piece of legislation would send a clear message that there is 'zero tolerance' for buildings put up without permission, and would give councils clearer and less encumbered powers to enforce the wishes of local people.

"Such a move would be particularly helpful in dealing with unauthorised caravans and mobile homes."

The letter signed by the council leaders was addressed to Tunbridge Wells MP Greg Clark, who is also the new minister for planning policy at Communities and Local Government.

Mr Clark said: "The public want to see fair play – everyone being treated equally and even-handedly in the planning process.

"The new Government will tackle the real concerns about the current rules and guidance for planning decisions in relation to travellers' sites.

"We are working on proposals to strengthen the powers councils have to enforce against breaches of planning control and to tackle the abuse of retrospective planning permission."

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WRECKAGE: The flattened Chevrolet Lacetti; and inset Richard Hammond

Top Gear goes flat out to destroy car

SO THIS is what happened to the Stig's reasonably-priced car – it was crushed under a pair of Kent chimneys that were demolished.

The Chevrolet Lacetti has been seen on cult TV show Top Gear being thrashed around the airfield track used during the filming of the programme.

Former Thanet South Labour MP Steve Ladyman even did it once.

But along with a change in the Kent skyline following the demolition of the chimneys in Gravesend, comes the revelatation that the Top Gear crew left the Lacetti right in the line of fire, and it's clear the chimney won.

It was the largest demolition job in Europe when 200 years of industrial history came crashing down in March.

Lafarge's two 550ft chimneys were demolished by carefully set explosives.

The TV show's Richard Hammond was on hand to see the demise of the car and film its final drive into oblivion.

Even the programme's iconic 'indestructible' red Toyota pick-up couldn't have survived this devastation.

The Lacetti was secretly filmed and parked at the base of one of the huge chimneys and there it stayed as it came crashing down, crushing the car completely.

It can just be seen at the base of the left tower, but it seems no-one was getting too close at the time.

The staggering 15-second demolition also marked the conclusion of a fund-raising drive to support two charities.



DEMOLITION: Car was hidden under chimney

A charity text competition, which raised more than £3,500 was used to select the person who pressed the button to demolish the chimneys, with the money raised being shared by Kent Air Ambulance Trust and Ellenor Lions Hospices.

Nigel Rees, Lafarge Cement's demolition manager, said: "Not only were we able to accommodate a television programme that is watched by millions at a Lafarge site, we were also able to involve a substantial number of the community in seeing the live demolition, and raise money for charity to boot.

"In addition and of crucial importance, the demolition was completed in a safe and efficient way."



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Bard's words have moo-ving effect

NORMALLY the only culture you get with cows is the stuff used to help produce yoghurt.

But the herd at Pleasant Farm, Chart Sutton, have been grazing to the sound of Shakespeare.

During the past few weeks, the cows have been treated to their own private performances of the Merry Wives of Windsor, acted out by players from Changeling Theatre company.

The idea is the brainwave of boffins from the University of Leicester, who found calming music boosts the milk yield.

Other farmers have tried playing classical music to chickens in a bid to boost egg-laying, but this is the first time Shakespeare has been tried out in a similar vein.

Changeling's artistic director Rob Forknall said: "We selected scenes from the play we felt to be lyrical and relaxing.

"It started off as a rather bizarre experiment after I was talking to a farmer about whether Shakespeare would have the same effect on cows as classical music. We were all slightly surprised when it did.

"Since then we've done several rehearsals with the cows; it saves us having to book rehearsal space and the farmer's very pleased to get more milk."



TO MILK OR NOT TO MILK: The dramatic new methods have helped increase milk yield by four per cent

Farmworker Liam Batt was amazed at the results because milk yield has been boosted by four per cent.

He said: "Anything that calms the animals and reduces their stress is good, and Shakespeare ticks the right boxes.

"Perhaps there's something about the language of Shakespeare. We don't know but it seems to work."

Dr Adrian North and Liam MacKenzie from the Music Research Group at the University of Leicester school of psychology exposed cattle to fast, slow and no music at all over a nine-week period in 2001.

Slow music

The trials, at LCAH Dairies in Lincolnshire and Bishop Burton Agricultural College in Humberside, involved playing music to the cows for 12 hours a day, from 5am-5pm.

Dr North said: "We found that cows respond to a pleasant auditory environment by producing more milk. It seems slow music had the effect of alleviating stress and relaxing the animals, which resulted in greater milk yields."

The Changeling Theatre Company is performing at a range of locations across Kent and East Sussex in July and early August. This year's locations include Rochester Castle, and The Friars, Aylesford.

Crackdown on conmen who prey on vulnerable

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ROGUE traders intent on ripping off the elderly and vulnerable with sky-high costs for doing little or no work have been targeted by police.

A multi-agency initiative took place on Wednesday, as police and Trading Standards got tough on the rip-off merchants.

Officials set up a series of roadside stop checks on vehicles and traders across the county as part of National Rogue Trader Week.

The checks aimed to identify doorstep traders who carry out substandard work and then often use menacing behaviour to claw huge fees from frightened residents.

Supt Neil Jerome of the Partnership and Crime Reduction Unit said: "Kent Police has recently secured the conviction of two men who preyed on the elderly and vulnerable members of our communities as they conned individuals out of a total of £1.1million [see right].

"They exploited their victims by building up trust which they then abused by demanding huge amounts of money for work that was either never carried out, or was substandard.

"Doorstep traders often give an initial cheap price to secure the job, but the quality is poor and the final price much higher than quoted.

"It is emotionally and financially devastating to those residents who have put their trust in a trader who does not deliver. Many may be unable to afford to get the work put right.

"We are working with our partner agencies today to stop traders and check they were who they say they were using Automatic Number Plate Recognition.

"Traders will be reminded of various pieces of legislation, including that it is an offence not to include their name and address on business paperwork, such as quotes and receipts."

The police and trading standards said there are vital steps to take to avoid becoming another victim. These include not dealing with doorstep callers, use only reputable traders who are members of Buy with Confidence, Medway Fairtraders Scheme, Trust a Trader, or the Gas Safe Register.

Also check the person used is from the company they say they are from, get quotes in writing, call more than three traders to get a feel for an average price for the job, and remember traders must give you written notice of your right to seven days cancellation when agreeing to do work at your home, including work gained from a cold call.

Kent County Council's Clive Bainbridge said: "The Buy with Confidence scheme has traders who are approved by Kent Trading Standards and it can help prevent people being ripped off by rogue traders."

Medway Council's Cllr Mike O' Brien added: "Residents should feel safe when they employ a contractor, but rogue traders cause unnecessary distress through poor workmanship and bad practices."

MOSES Mead and Christopher Latty are the sort of men Kent Police are looking for.

They preyed on people across Kent, London, Hertfordshire and Cambridgeshire, collecting more than £1 million for doing sub-standard and unnecessary work on their homes.

Mead, 25, from Springhead Road, Northfleet, and Latty, 38, of Victoria Street, Gillingham, took some people's life savings.

One victim, a man in his 60s from Bexleyheath, handed over £522,000, and an 82-year-old man from Medway paid £230,000, Maidstone Crown Court was told.

The court heard that Mead was the ringleader and Latty a courier in their scams, collecting and delivering tens of thousands in cash moved in plastic carrier bags.

Mead would often return to his victims three years later, ringing them and purporting to work for a firm dealing with other companies that had gone into liquidation. He told his victims he could pay back money they had been overcharged, but needed a 'fee' first. This often ran into thousands of pounds.

Mead admitted 11 counts of conspiracy to commit fraud by false representation, while Latty confessed to two charges of fraud by false representation.

In January, they were arrested in Cambridge following an investigation by Kent Police's serious organised crime unit.

Mead and Latty are awaiting sentence on Friday, July 9.

Det Con Paul Walker of Tonbridge CID said: "Many of the victims have lost their entire life savings and have been denied financial security in their twilight years because of one man's greed. All the victims were targeted due to their age and vulnerability in a most calculated and callous way."

Det Sgt Keith Roberts of the serious organised crime unit, added: "Crimes like this are particularly distressing because the victims are some of the most vulnerable in our communities."





£1 MILLION CHEATS: Moses Mead and courier Christopher Latty

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Garden gives us Food 4 Thought

By **JANE CONNOLLY**
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STUDENTS at Hadlow College are looking to the future with their entry for the RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show.

Designed and constructed entirely by former and current students, Food 4 Thought is an innovative courtyard garden that takes food direct to the table. Visitors to the show, which runs from Tuesday until Sunday will get a glimpse of how the Garden of England might look in years to come.

The display was designed by Hadlow College graduate Mandy Buckland, who now runs the award-winning garden and landscape design company, Greencube.

"The brief was to include apples, but we took it a step further and looked at climate change," she said. "What will we be growing in years to come?"

Along with traditional Kentish crops, the contemporary garden includes produce associated with the Mediterranean climate, such as lemons and peaches.

These plants are glimpsed through a large window, which Ms Buckland hopes will capture the idea of a climate in evolution.

"There is water running down the walls," she said. "It highlights the fact water is a commodity and it should be captured."

Lecturer and garden manager Brian Hawtin is also a Hadlow graduate and he explained more about the garden's vision.

"The window can be seen as a window to the future," he said. "The garden shows what we have grown in the past in Kent, what we grow at the moment and what we might be growing in the future."

One striking feature in the garden is a cantilevered table protruding from the wall, with ribbons of strawberries flowing down into the table itself.

"We are talking about field-to-fork meals," Mr Hawtin said. "You could be sitting here, eating your meal and when it comes to dessert, there are the strawberries."



GROWING INTEREST: Designer Mandy Buckland, left, and the team of current and former students, including lecturer Brian Hawtin, third from left

FACT FILE

Mandy Buckland was working in IT when she took voluntary redundancy to make a major career change.

She graduated from Hadlow College and Greenwich University with a degree in garden design and has been working in horticulture since 2002.

She has won a Gold Medal at RHS Chelsea Flower Show and has created more than 100 gardens so far.

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All the plants have been grown at the college and the initial construction has been carried out by Mr Hawtin, along with seven students in year two of the garden design course – Neil Brookson, James Craig, Adele Ford, Alick Nee, Susan Palmer, Susan Willmott and Claudia Vergari.

Efficient

To create the garden's flooring, the students have cut quartz paddlestones which fit into moveable trays, creating a portable structure which can be fitted together at Hampton Court Palace. The garden also features 'food walls' planted with chillies, peppers and herbs, which make efficient use of a small space.

"All the students are doing a degree in garden design and this is the main construction," Mr Hawtin said, speaking in May when the build was in full swing.

"We are assembling all the bits and pieces to get as much as possible built here before going to Hampton Court Palace."

Exhibitors are given two weeks to put the garden together at the show site, so the Hadlow College team will put the finishing touches to Food 4 Thought this weekend.

But once the show is over, Food 4 Thought will not be thrown on the compost heap. The garden will return to the college for students to work on in the future.

"Next year's project will be to redesign this garden," Mr Hawtin said. "The students will run with this, but they will create a permanent garden on site."



March of the pylons



IN POWER: Pylons are the cheap way to increase the size of the National Grid, but conservationists fear a different cost

CONSERVATIONISTS have greeted with dismay the news that Kent could be peppered with a proliferation of new electricity pylons, ***writes Chris Murphy***.

The National Grid broke the news that it wants to increase the network of the power towers around the UK because there is a shortage of options to deliver power.

But pressure group Protect Kent said there is an urgent need to move to electric cars, and to develop regional 'smart' electricity grids that can cope with renewable energy generation. They said pylons blight our countryside.

The organisation added, that from Romney Marsh to the North Downs near Gravesend, ranks of pylons are an industrial scar on Kent's treasured rural landscape.

Protect Kent chairman, Richard Knox-Johnston told KOS Media: "People need to be aware of what is being proposed and that there is a choice, given the choice most people would prefer underground cables.

Wrecked

"Kent has large Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Green Belt that would be wrecked by more pylons."

National Grid claims the cost of burying transmission lines is 10-20 times greater than an overhead line.

However, Protect Kent said schemes to build new underground lines at the same high voltage in Europe have shown that not only does the investment cost significantly less, but that some of this outlay can be recouped through underground cables being more reliable.

While the figures for underground sound a lot, the electricity transmission system only makes up three per cent of customers' power bills, said Protect Kent.

And the RSPB in Kent is also concerned. It said: "The most likely conservation issue for birds is impact if they are placed in a busy route for them, such as migratory or winter feeding ground.

"The construction of pylons would be subject to the usual planning process and any nature conservation impacts would be considered as part of that.

"If there was seen to be any impact on internationally important populations of birds they would be subject to the same tests as any other development."

National Grid said this is the biggest expansion of electrical infrastructure in half a century and is needed to meet a surge in demand and to link up with new wind farms and nuclear stations.

Kent is included in plans to build more of the 164ft pylons which will be going before the Infrastructure Planning Commission set up by the government to oversee major developments.

Nick Winser, National Grid's director of transmission operations, said: "Britain has 78 gigawatts of generating capacity, but by 2050 that will have to rise to around 115 gigawatts. Much of it will be coming from sources of low-carbon energy in remote areas where we have no connections yet. We need new cables simply to connect them all to the grid."

He said pylons would cost about £1.6m a mile, but trenches and tunnels would cost at least £20m, which would be added to customers' bills.

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Tragic pilot's possessions reveal the human cost of the Battle of Britain

Wartime display is personal

By **STEVE KNIGHT**
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A TORN jacket belonging to a heroic fighter pilot shot down over Dover is one of the many artefacts on display at a new exhibition.

Pilot Officer Frederick Harrold was just 23 when the Hawker Hurricane he was flying crashed during the Battle of Britain, on September 28, 1940.

But his family carefully preserved numerous belongings found at the site of the tragedy, which now form part of the Explore History 1940 exhibition at the Imperial War Museum in London.

In addition to the jacket, the collection includes P/O Harrold's pilot wings, a cigarette case, an identity tag and even a bent house key.

Next to his display is an accordion belonging to Sapper Alexander King, which was played on the beaches of Dunkirk to boost morale.

Head of exhibits Fergus Read said: "Of the many objects and stories in the display, few can be as poignant as those of P/O Harrold.

"His was a short war – he died on his third sortie, engaged by German Messerschmitt 109 fighters over the Kent coast at Deal, to crash near Alkham, inland from Dover.

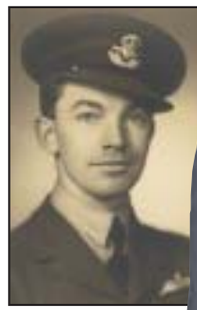
"Harrold's parents collected his body from the RAF for burial and carefully preserved a remarkable collection that 60 years later was bequeathed to the museum by his sister."

The Explore History 1940 exhibition was launched to coincide with the opening of the museum's Explore History Centre, which allows visitors to access a vast collection of photos, films, books, articles and more for free.

Larger artefacts on display include a Spitfire plane – dubbed the 'hero' of the Battle of Britain – and one of the so-called 'little ships' used in the Operation Dynamo rescue mission at Dunkirk.

Museum director-general Di Lees said: "By taking advantage of digital technologies Explore History puts a huge proportion of our collections at people's fingertips."

The exhibition runs until the end of the year. Visit www.iwm.org.uk for more information about this and other displays.





POIGNANT: The full extent of the damage to P/O Frederick Harrold's jacket can be seen at the exhibition

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Adults self harm too, says expert

SELF-harm is as big a problem for adults as it is children, claims a former patient who has since set up his own charity, ***writes Steve Knight***.

Last month KOS Media revealed how the number of under 18-year-olds admitted to hospital for self-inflicted injuries had risen by almost 80 per cent over the last five years.

But former Met Police officer Stephen Wilson, 41 – who started to cut himself after losing both his job and his marriage – said health chiefs would be mistaken to think self-harm is merely a fad that teenagers will grow out of.

The Gravesend resident has set up his own charity, The Silent Cry, to provide extra support and education for sufferers, their relatives and partners.

"When I was self-harming there was nothing in place to help me," said Mr Wilson.

"I found it quite difficult to come to terms with what I was doing to myself, and it didn't help that I was placed on a huge waiting list to see somebody about it.

"I decided to set up Silent Cry because I didn't want other people to go through what I did. Everyone highlights what a problem self-harming is among children, especially what they call 'emos'. But that's just the start because anyone can self-harm."

Stress

Mr Wilson was previously a member of the Met Police's armed response unit, but his career fell apart when he was attacked by a member of the public. He suffered post-traumatic stress, which he says led to him losing his job and his wife.

"Self-harming acted as a relief for me," said Mr Wilson. "I remember having an argument with my ex-wife that ended with me cutting my hand with some broken glass, and all the stress went away.

"I carried on doing it for several years until I was gradually able to wean myself off it. Self-harming is highly addictive.

"There's no physical pain. When things are really bad emotionally, you can become numb physically."

Silent Cry became a registered charity last November, with former Coronation Street star Denise Welch in line to become its celebrity patron.

The organisation plans to tour schools, and build up a database of therapists who specialise in self-harming.

Mr Wilson said: "The NHS takes so long to refer people, we want to be the inbetweeners.

"The charity is called Silent Cry because that's what self-harming is. The majority of people don't want to commit suicide, they just use it as a coping mechanism."

See www.thesilentcry.co.uk for details.

Bungalow crash kills lorry driver

A RUBBISH collector has died after the waste lorry he was driving crashed into a bungalow in Seasalter.

The lorry he was driving hit a parked car, pushing it into the bungalow.

It is believed the 62-year-old driver from Herne Bay may have fallen ill before the crash on Monday.

The owner of the bungalow was not injured, but a building inspector advised that neither of the vehicles were moved as there were concerns about structural damage.

Police were called at 7.50am and the air ambulance also attended, but the man died before he could be taken to hospital.

THIEVES have stolen flowers from a woman's grave.

Various flowers and plants worth £20 were taken from the grave at St Laurence Church, School Lane, Bapchild, over the weekend.

PC Chris Hamper of Sittingbourne Police Station, said the theft had been distressing for the woman's 61-year-old husband.

"It is not the first time plants have been taken from his wife's graveside – some polyanthus were dug up in April.

"I think the thefts are happening at night and the flowers are probably being sold at boot fairs."

A COMMEMORATION for the 58 Chinese people who died in a lorry 10 years ago has taken place on Dover seafront.

The event marked not just the victims and their families but also those from the emergency services, the police and the immigration service who had to deal with the tragedy.

Organiser Ben Bano said: "This was also an opportunity to remember all the victims of human-traffickers who continue to exploit vulnerable people worldwide."

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Minister: FA to blame

ENGLAND'S embarrassing World Cup performance has been blamed on the Football Association by the sports minister.

Faversham and Mid Kent MP Hugh Robertson spoke out after the Three Lions' shambolic 4-1 defeat to Germany on Sunday, which saw them crash out of the tournament.

The Conservative MP said the early exit from South Africa and past tournament flops was the fault of the FA rather than the players.

Mr Robertson said: "The people who are ultimately responsible are the FA because as the sport's governing body, they are responsible for the England team.

"Once the dust has settled, the FA need to have a long, cold, hard, unemotional look at this and work out why a country that has the best professional league in the world woefully underperforms at World Cups.

"The players need to get away and have a rest.

"This really is an issue for the FA."

Team manager Fabio Capello has said he wants to stay in his £6 million-a-year job, and the FA has given itself two weeks to decide the Italian's future.

Capello blamed tiredness for the team's ejection from the competition.

Apart from England's abject performance, a major talking point of the match was Frank Lampard's disallowed 'goal'.

TV replays showed the ball clearly crossed the goal line after hitting the crossbar, but it was not given by the referee or his linesmen.

Mr Roberstson urged Fifa to overturn its ban on technology to help the referee.

He said: "Fifa urgently need to have another look at their decision not to use electronic technology.

"The same arguments it would disrupt the flow of the game were used when electronic technology was suggested for tennis, cricket and rugby."

Mr Robertson also rejected claims the lifestyle of some of the England players was to blame, adding: "Most of our Premiership stars do considerably less partying than some of their contemporaries elsewhere."

The MP's comments were made as the coalition Government launched an initiative to revive competitive sport in schools.

Up to £10m of lottery funding, distributed by Sport England, will create a new sports league structure for primary and secondary schools, culminating in an inaugural national final to be held in the run up to the London Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2012.

The competition is a key part of the Government's plans for a lasting sporting legacy from hosting the London 2012 Games and to maximise the sporting opportunities available to all.

Schools will compete in leagues at a local level from 2011, with winning athletes and teams qualifying for up to 60 county finals. The most talented young athletes will then be selected for the national finals.

Schools will also be encouraged to host in-house Olympic-style sports days so children of all abilities have the opportunity to compete, and there will be a Paralympic element at every level for youngsters with disabilities.

The ambition is for the competition to continue after 2012.

By **JILL HURST**
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THRASHED: Germany celebrate as Frank Lampard and England trudge out of the World Cup after the 4-1 defeat in South Africa Picture: MICHAEL STEELE

BEFORE last Sunday's match, the majority of readers who took part in an online poll at kentnews.co.uk believed Germany would win the crunch game.

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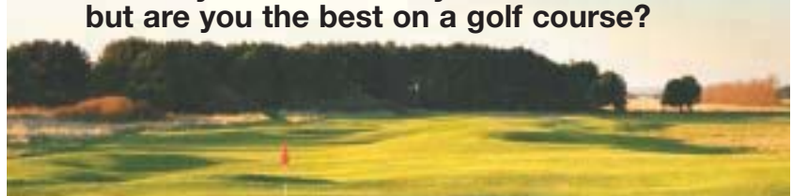
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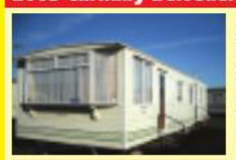
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The Kent-based Nepalese fighting men reap benefits of combined military and

Gurkhas also talk the talk...



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UNITED FRONT: Royal Gurkha Rifles in the Nahr-e Saraj region of Helmand province during a joint patrol with soldiers from the Afghan National Army

The Gurkha soldiers from Shorncliffe Barracks in Folkestone are known for being fearless and ferocious in battle. But on their current tour of duty in Afghanistan the famous Nepalese fighting men are also putting their diplomatic skills to good use.

Captain ABI BRADLEY, unit press officer for 1st Battalion the Royal Gurkha Rifles (1 RGR), sent this report from Nahr-e Saraj in Helmand.

IN THE two months since the Gurkhas arrived in rural southern Helmand they have been building solid relationships with the local people.

Cups of tea with the villagers, regular 'shuras' (local meetings) and time spent in communities to improve security is starting to pay off. Working alongside soldiers of the Afghan National Army and the Afghan National Police, the Gurkhas are beginning to reap the benefits of understanding their locality through the forging of strong bonds with the population of the Nahr-e Saraj area.

Under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Gerald Strickland MBE, the Gurkhas have been in Helmand since April and will remain until October on their mission to improve security across the area.

The Gurkhas' cultural intuition and light-infantry skills mean they are ideally trained for this environment. They are tasked with protecting the population – providing security and stability to permit Afghan government-led reconstruction and development to take place, while also supporting local governance.



ON PATROL: Gurkhas are prized for their blend of military and diplomatic skills

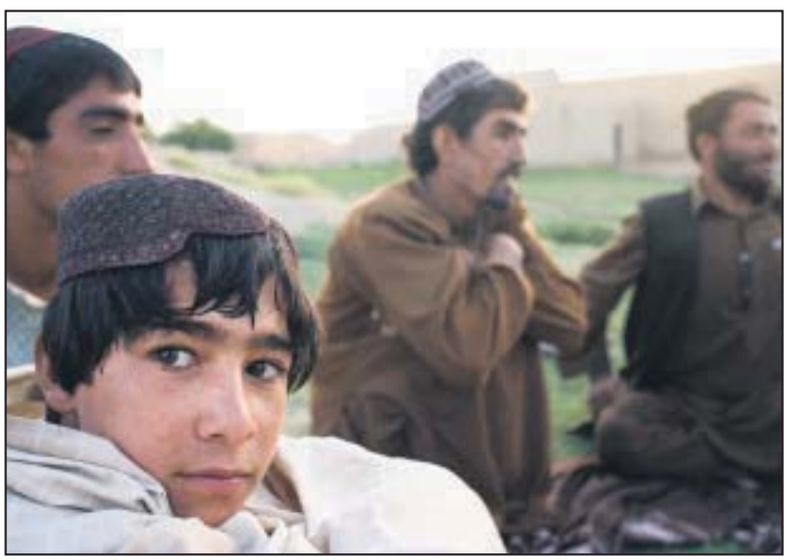
As the Gurkhas patrol through villages and pass the farmers tending their fields, they are often approached by the inquisitive children, smiling and asking for chocolate and pens.

The Gurkhas' presence within the villages ensures insurgents are increasingly dissuaded from their attempts to dominate the area through their intimidation towards the local people. Many of the Gurkha soldiers impressed their instructors with their swift ability to learn basic Pashto (the local language) but they also occasionally find themselves conversing in Urdu or Hindi with the locals – language shared owing to a mutual appreciation of the Indian export of Bollywood films.

Pashto interpreters also accompany the Gurkhas on their patrols with the Afghan forces to ensure communication isn't a problem.

1 RGR previously deployed to Afghanistan on Operation Herrick 7 in the winter of 2007. Many of the soldiers deployed with the battalion have a wealth of experience operating in the country. Rifleman Santosh Shrestha, a junior soldier with B Company, said: "Every day we patrol down to the local village and surrounding areas to understand and chat with the locals and respect their culture.

"We are giving the best effort and helping



TALK TIME: 'Shura' meetings between patrolling Gurkhas and locals are a common sight

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the people in different ways, conducting shuras, medical services, development of the village and road construction."

One of the Gurkhas' largest projects so far has been the second phase of a road being built between the towns of Gereshk and Lashkar Gah.

With a locally employed workforce constructing the road, supported by Royal Engineers and Gurkha soldiers protecting the build, the road will ultimately hugely improve communications in this agricultural area – increasing trade and improving local livelihoods.

The patrol commanders frequently find themselves enjoying cups of 'chai' (green tea) and sharing nan bread brought out by the locals keen to discuss the security situation.

In contrast, they may find themselves – that same afternoon – subject to small-arms fire attacks by insurgents set on trying to disrupt progress.

There are certainly pockets of insurgents throughout the area, which can make patrolling unpredictable, but the Gurkhas continue to go about their business with smiles on their faces, ready for any challenge.



BRAVE FACE: Royal Gurkha Rifles in Helmand

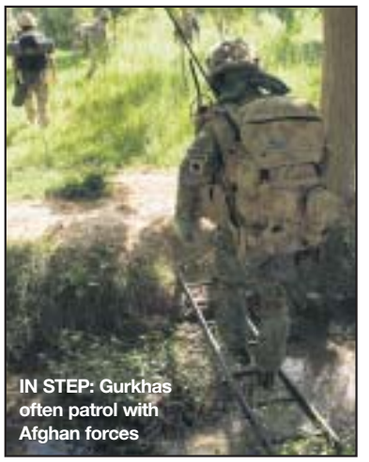
The more the Gurkhas can learn from their positive interface with villagers, the more they can ensure their operations are planned to take account of local information and insider knowledge about the insurgency. It also ensures the protection of the population is the top planning consideration.

During their tour, the Gurkhas aim to develop this knowledge of the people and insurgent groups in the locality as much as possible.

Ultimately, the Gurkhas want to start seeing a divide between the population and the insurgents who abuse local hospitality to stage their attacks. The more prominent the division, the simpler it will be to target the hardline insurgents who are unlikely to ever reconsider their actions and allegiances.

Major Shaun Chandler, a British Gurkha officer developing this idea, said: "We cannot hide from the fact we are working in a complex environment with many different actors each with their own agenda – including us.

"We must embrace complexity and aim to seek a consensus in favour of the Afghan government."



IN STEP: Gurkhas often patrol with Afghan forces

GURKHA POEM

Each day the same, bright-eyed they wait,
Then rise and step through wired gates,
Through wading streams, long grass and trees,
Through all of which, they take their knees.
Legs bend and ache, eyes peer through sights,
The sweat drips down, and shoulders bite.
They stop and squint, there, through the trees,
and crouching low, drop to their knees.

Alone he walks, heart to be won,
Or just their foe, without his gun.
Their sighed relief, is all but fleeting,
In journeys short, till their next meeting.
The children smile, their conscience near,
but father's face, is much less clear.
The hidden foe, beneath the ground,
He gives no sight, nor makes a sound.

Yet it is he, who's feared the most,
Despite their weight, they tread like ghosts.
The air is split, the din appears,
And all thought forgot, allayed are fears.
It all goes slow, until complete,
They dust themselves, climb to their feet,
They laugh and smile, no longer tense,
and tease and joke, recount events.

Or sandbags perched, for hours stare,
their guns to kill, but never scare.
They sit and brace, the dusty blows,
In mouths and eyes, in hair and clothes.
The dust blows still, through starry night,
They watch it fall, through torch beam light
Think nothing's fair, think nothing's true,
Think every day, it could be you

Yet laugh and sleep and eat and sing,
as if not cares, about a thing.
At night they listen to the call
From those who wish to guide us all.
They talk of battles to be won,
Though not the sort where blood will run.
Whilst those at home may sway and curse,
War's human nature at its worst.

But those that live it, know the rest,
They also see its very best.
For where else sees such selfless deeds,
Bestowed upon comrades in need.
For well they know their duties cover,
Not just above, but to each other.
And amazing is but every day,
the brotherhood of come what may.

In half a year they wave goodbye,
and what will be their parting cry,
Their thankless task, holds far less glory,
That Queen and Country boyhood story.
For progress made, when it appears,
they will have gone in later years.
Their moral ways may hold them back,
against a foe with far less tact.

But, conscience clear, they keep forever,
And this alone, holds them together.
So what is thought in minds of those
reflecting on the lives they chose.
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A poster for the campaign features the slogan 'Talkin' bout your generation', in reference to a line from the popular mod song My Generation by The Who. It also asks the question 'Still want to die before you get old?' before answering with 'Didn't think so'.

Assistant director of public health Dr John Rodriguez said: "Bowel cancer is the third most common cancer in the UK and the second leading cause of cancer deaths.

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Coalition cuts threaten services for the elderly

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SOCIAL care services will continue to be cut unless the Government protects the funding given to local authorities, an expert has warned.

Last month Kent County Council announced plans to close three residential care homes for the elderly while selling off several more to the private sector, saving County Hall some £2 million per year.

Professor Julien Forder – principal research fellow at the University of Kent's Personal Social Services Research Unit (PSSRU) – told KOS Media such cuts were to be expected due to social care being funded differently to institutions like the NHS.

He said: "The coalition Government made a commitment to protect the NHS spend, but social care doesn't fall under that.

"Instead the Government gives local councils an annual sum, and from that it's up to the councils as to what they want to spend it on.

"There were no explicit promises in the emergency Budget to protect the funding that goes to councils for social care, and it looks like there will be quite significant cuts in the future.

"Things are going to be constrained for social care in the coming years unless the Government changes its current funding arrangements."

Along with the London School of Economics, the PSSRU was commissioned by Age UK to look at how spending cuts could affect social care in the future.

They projected the budget could be trimmed by £900m over the next two years, which coupled with the rising demand from the ageing population could increase the number of people being excluded from care.

Prof Forder said: "There are currently about one million over-65s who are receiving some form of support, but what we found was that by 2012-13 that figure will probably go down by half.

"But it's important to bear in mind that the people who won't benefit in the future will be those who are currently at the lower level in terms of how much social care support they require.

"It's unlikely those who depend on it the most will be the ones who miss out."

Age UK charity director Michelle Mitchell said Chancellor George Osborne should "put his money where his mouth is" when it comes to protecting the most vulnerable in society.

She added: "If ministers introduce cuts which deny support to half the older people assessed as needing care at home, lives will quite simply be put at risk."

Is Kent shaping up for later life?

THE future needs of the elderly were discussed at a conference organised by Kent County Council.

Entitled Shaping Later Life in Kent, the gathering was open to professionals from the public, private and voluntary sector as well as representatives of older people from across the county.

It gave them the opportunity to provide feedback on what the council was doing well and how it could improve services for the elderly.

Guest speaker at last week's conference – held at the Bridgewood Manor hotel in Walderslade, near Chatham – was Jane Carrier, national policy lead on older people and adult services for the Audit Commission.

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Bromley is UK's Bombay

Town has most curry houses per person

KENT town Bromley is the hotspot for having the most curry houses in Britain, and smart Tunbridge Wells comes in at seven, ***writes Chris Murphy.***

Researchers scoured all the major towns and found Bromley has a staggering rate of one Indian restaurant for every 853 people in the local population.

Tunbridge Wells has one for every 3,323 residents.

Second in the list was Epsom, then Reading, Leicester, Cardiff, Doncaster, followed by Tunbridge Wells, St Albans, Loughborough, and finally Cambridge.

The Indian beer company Cobra, carried out the survey.

It was to mark the 200th anniversary of the first curry house in the UK.

Taj Mahal

It found the Kent town overshadowed other locations famed for their curry miles.

In fact, Bromley out-spiced London's Brick Lane, Manchester's Curry Mile, and Birmingham's Balti Mile, to be named the nation's unlikely hot spot.

The research also pinpointed the nation's 10 most common Indian restaurant names, crowning Taj Mahal as the 'king of the curry house'.

There are an amazing 56 of the landmark inspired restaurants in the UK, followed by Taste of India, Maharaja, Akash and Spice Lounge hotting up the high streets.

Some of the more fun names included Posh Spice and Urban Turban, and Ace of Spice in Gillingham.

Brits fell in love with the curry when the Hindoostane Coffee House threw open the doors in 1810. Now there more than 9,000 Indian restaurants, taking in £400 million every week.

Adrian Davey, managing director of the Cobra Beer Partnership, said: "As the home of the nation's favourite dish, the curry house has become a key part of our culture; as such, Cobra Beer is delighted to be celebrating this milestone.

"These names are a symbol and lasting legacy of the rich heritage the curry house has brought to life in the UK."

Jitindar Singh, manager of the Tamasha in Widmore Road, Bromley, said: "The people of Bromley and from further afield know this area is great for curries.

"I am not surprised this is the capital of the nation for curries. We serve only the very best.

"We are really busy every weekend. Bromley is a great place to come and enjoy some of Britain best curries.

"We are delighted this has now been recognised."



CURRYING FAVOUR: Bromley came first in survey by Indian beer company, Cobra

Youth sentenced over road deaths

A TEENAGE driver has been sentenced to five years youth custody after mowing down two women as they crossed a busy town centre road.

Jamie Smith, 18, of Alamein Avenue, Chatham, was charged with causing death by careless driving following the deaths of 84-year-old Elsie Blades and her 60-year-old daughter, Marilyn Herlihy, in Station Road, Strood, on the afternoon of Sunday, July 26, last year.

He pleaded guilty and was sentenced at Maidstone Crown Court.

The court heard that Smith was driving his Seat Ibiza at 50mph – 20mph over the speed limit – when he struck the women.

Elsie died at the scene. Marilyn was airlifted to hospital but later died of her injuries.

Elsie leaves behind her son David, his wife Colleen and their two children Reece and Aiden.

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Jack, 75, takes Death Valley run in his stride

IT HAS been sweltering in Kent this week, with temperatures hitting 30C, but that's nothing to the 50C-plus in Death Valley – where pensioner Jack Denness is heading to run 135 miles in the Nevada desert.

By **CHRIS MURPHY**

Jack, from Rochester, is an old hand at the race having done it 11 times.

In fact, he is now 75-years-old and jogs marathons to warm-up for the gruelling race.

But he is realistic about the race this year, and if he survives the baking sun for 60 hours again he said this will be his last event.

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In his incredible running career he has completed 150 UK marathons, including 14 Londons, while raising more than £100,000 for his charities.

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Jack said: "I am being realistic. Every time I cross the finish line, I've said that was the last time I am doing it, but this time I mean it. Maybe. I love doing this race, or rather I like completing it. It is one of the world's toughest events to take part in, and I need a support crew of six people. I haven't taken part in five years, but have been every year to help as a volunteer at the check points."

Death Valley Jack has won sponsorship for his last race from cod liver oil company Seven Seas which is paying around £7,000 to get his team through the event.



SCORCHER: Jack Denness

He said: "I am 75 and the company is 75, so they are not only supporting me in this race, but also one in Egypt later this year.

"It has taken a lot of stress off my shoulders. I am still working as a school caretaker, so I'm not bringing in a fortune, so the financial assistance is a great help."

He is already the oldest man to complete the race, and just happened to mention to the organiser of the brutal event this year that he fancied doing it again and pushing the age record ahead even further.

Hallucinations

Jack said: "I am a bit lazy when it comes to training, but I finished just over 26 miles last weekend and that was quite warm when it hit 30C in Kent. But it is a different drier heat in the desert. Your mind starts to play tricks on you during the race because it is so hot – they are like hallucinations which, once you understand what's going on, is quite interesting."

He added: "I can't wait to get back out there. I know it's crazy at my age, but I have never had any problems with my joints, which is great."

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DAMP is a creeping menace that affects thousands of homes across South East.

By KATIE HOLDEN

It rots woodwork and carpets, peels wallpaper and causes fungus and mould growth on walls.

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THUMBS UP: Mr Forino

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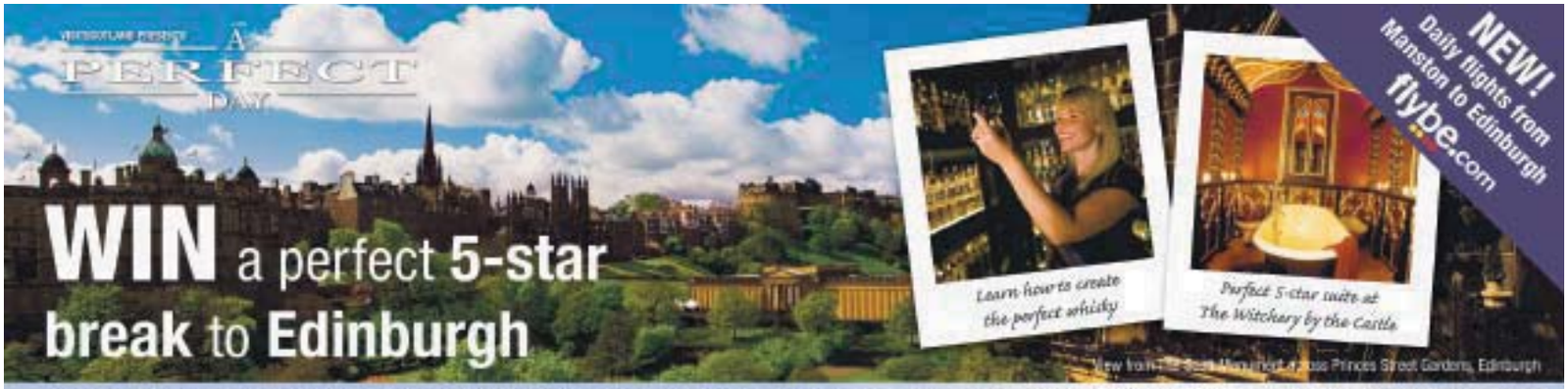
Needless to say, nothing did. "It was a nightmare. It was like living with a demon. We had six years of misery," said Mrs Forino.

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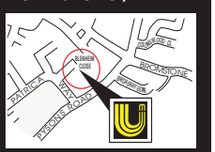
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When lorry drivers were true adventurers



By **STEVE KNIGHT**
steve.knight@kosmedia.co.uk

"THE engine noise changed dramatically and started to labour really, and I found myself struggling to keep the truck moving.

"I prayed it wasn't starting to freeze up.

"I stuck my head out and could just make out a deep bank of snow ahead, so I promptly stopped the rig.

"With a lull in the cloud and the wind, I then spotted a steep drop down into the valley. I had been trying to drive over the edge. Thank God I stopped when I did!"

Gordon Pearce's recollection of his near-death experience on a Turkish mountain pass is just one of hundreds of fascinating stories about his time as a 'long-haul pioneer' with the Asian Transport company he founded in 1964.

Despite having never driven a truck before that point, Mr Pearce found himself struggling through sand, snow, water and any number of other obstacles to deliver British goods to such far-away destinations as Afghanistan and Iran.

And while its drivers are no longer expected to take the same risks their predecessors did, the company – known today as Astran – is still alive and well at its two headquarters in Larkfield, near Maidstone, and Doha, in the Middle Eastern nation of Qatar.





FAR-FLUNG PLACES: Above, thundering across the Saudi Arabian desert, 5,000 miles from home. Right, During harsh winter months, if diesel fuel became 'waxy', drivers had no choice but to light fires underneath their trucks in order to thaw everything out

STUCK: Gordon Pearce struggles to move in the thick snow, note the tyre marks where he had attempted to keep going

The firm has built up a cult following among lorry fanatics, one of whom – Milton Keynes HGV driver Ashley Coghill – was inspired to write a book about its history.

"I've met quite a few long-haul lorry drivers who claim they've seen this or done that when you know they really haven't," he said.

"But the original Astran men – who I call the long-haul pioneers – were true adventurers.

"All they had in the early days was a compass, a map and a few tins of food, but they travelled incredible distances and were the only ones doing it back in the 60s."

These days Astran runs land, air and sea cargo services from Europe to 19 far-away destinations including Iraq, Syria, Kazakhstan and Kuwait.

One of the firm's directors is Peter Carroll, the Lib Dem politician best known for fronting the highly-successful Gurkha Justice Campaign with Joanna Lumley.

He is also a Shepway councillor who came second to Maidstone Tory MP Helen Grant in the May General Election.

Mr Coghill, 48, who works for Norfolk-based haulage firm David Watson Transport, says he has been a truck enthusiast for the last 35 years.

"I drive one for a living, I build models of them and I take photos of them," he said. "It's my life.

"When I used to see the Astran lorries drive past when I was younger, I used to wonder where all these strange countries were that had their names written on the side. Later when I was driving I would see them come back covered in dirt and sand, and I just thought they were amazing."

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LETTERS

LETTER OF THE WEEK

Failures mean a bleak future

I was deeply saddened by the main issues of your story headlined 'Autistic children given "ineffectual treatment".'

I certainly would use much stronger language than "grossly neglected". I was disappointed to note that a spokeswoman, on behalf of NHS West Kent, NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent and Kent County Council, said: "We are doing more to meet the needs of disabled children, such as those with autism."

I trust she did not include the services of the specialist Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) which is "commissioned to support children and young people who have a joint diagnosis of a mental health disorder and autism".

I do not know how CAMHS perform once somebody has a diagnosis, as our son has been on the waiting list for an appointment since last July and will not be seen before September (they didn't say which year).

I understand some units undertake two assessments a month, with a growing waiting list of over a year. CAMHS is encouraging the increase of mental illness with its failures.

If this is the result of the NHS doing more, what was it like before? It's not acceptable.

I hope my son does not develop mental health issues, but as time goes by with no help or treatment, the chances are increasing.

Without a formal diagnosis he cannot attend a specialist school and this leaves him subjected to bullying. Since December, he has been only part-time at school and is often sent home because staff cannot cope with his needs. The future looks very bleak.

The number of times I hear the NHS and KCC are neglecting the young people they have been assigned to care for – surely something must be wrong.

Nigel Brownsword, by email

OPINION: FIVE INTO ONE WILL GO

Medway has a rich heritage and a bright future, so city status in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year would be a jewel in the crown, says **RODNEY CHAMBERS**

IT IS often said that to become a city you need a cathedral, a university, a well-known sports team and a successful economy.

If it were that easy, I am certain that Medway would already be enjoying this honour. After all, it does have the historic Rochester Cathedral, four universities, Gillingham FC and a diverse economy.

Sadly, though, it's not quite that simple, and city status is rarely bestowed, except by the Queen on special occasions. It is therefore fortunate that such an occasion is fast approaching.

In 2012, the Queen will be celebrating her Diamond Jubilee and granting city status to a lucky winner.

It is my hope Medway will be that winner, and this week we launched our summer campaign for city status, more details of which can be found at www.cityofmedway.org.

We are encouraging people to show their support by drawing, painting or writing on our City of Medway bunting flags, which will be available at all our events this summer, including the Castle Concerts, and on our website.



In my mind there is no better contender for this coveted honour. Medway has demonstrated it has the vibrancy and passion of a city with its rich historic links and forward-looking attitude.

In particular, there are three reasons why I believe Medway is deserving of this honour. City status would be a recognition of where we are and what we have achieved.

And it would help highlight how much Medway has been transformed since the closure of the Naval dockyard in Chatham 26 years ago.

Since the closure, St Mary's Island and the Historic Dockyard are successful examples of regeneration, and more is to come along Strood waterfront, Rochester Riverside and in Chatham town centre. These projects are bringing jobs, improving infrastructure and transport links and creating homes. There are now 600 companies on Medway City Estate, employing 6,000 people.

We have 10,000 students here, a great calendar of sporting and cultural events and are the largest conurbation in the South East. We are also gifted with a superb castle and cathedral in Rochester, and are proud of our historic ties with the Armed Forces. Chatham was at the forefront of British naval history for centuries and we have a long association with the Royal Engineers at Brompton. In short, Medway has a rich heritage and a great future.

The second reason is that city status would give Medway a greater national and international profile – putting Medway on the map.

Since becoming a city, Sunderland has attracted international companies, such as Nike, Nissan and Barclays. And Newport has seen Admiral, Yell and EADs move in. Others have enjoyed record levels of investment, with Wolverhampton benefiting from £2 billion. Such benefits will not materialise overnight, but city status will enable Medway to compete on an equal footing.

Finally, city status will further strengthen the bonds between our five towns and the rural areas that make up Medway.

There is much that Rochester, Strood, Chatham, Gillingham and Rainham have in common, but city status will not mean they will lose their distinct identities. In fact, this is what makes our campaign unique – for it would be five towns that make a city. The City of Medway.

This is only the start of our campaign and there is a long way to go. We will, in these austere times, ensure costs are kept to a minimum and, where possible, Medway Council will make use of existing resources.

But success will not depend on finances alone. Support from residents will be a key factor. I urge everyone who supports our bid to collect one of our bunting flags and paint, draw or write on it and send it back to us. In Medway, 2012 is going to be a year of celebration with the 200th anniversary of the birth of Charles Dickens; the bicentenary of the Royal Engineers in Gillingham; the Olympic and Paralympic Games; and our bid to achieve World Heritage Status for Chatham.

Clearly, becoming the City of Medway would be a fitting accolade for such an eventful year.

• ***Cllr Rodney Chambers is the leader of Medway Council***

KOS media COMMENT

Will 'cheque' up be right move for NHS?

MENTAL health patients, pregnant women and other hospital-goers will soon be able to decide exactly how the NHS cash allocated to them is spent.

It will be interesting to see what the results of the Eastern and Coastal Kent Primary Care Trust pilot will be, as it is doubtful such power will be welcomed by all who require the attention of our doctors and nurses.

There are no doubt many who would rather go to hospital and be told exactly where they need to go and who they need to see, and would panic at having to make such decisions themselves.

After all, it is stressful enough being terminally ill or pregnant without having to worry about what therapy to receive or helpful products to purchase.

That being said, there are also people who are likely to welcome such a scheme.

Some patients just don't like being told what to do, and would gratefully receive a Kent Card that would enable them to spend their own NHS cash.

Either way the 'personal health budget' is an intriguing concept and one that is certainly worth considering.

But whether it proves suitable for all types of patients is another matter entirely.

Games could lead to a golden generation

THIS weekend marks the final stage of the Kent School Games which, at its launch last October, featured more than 30,000 children battling it out for supremacy.

For all the criticism Kent County Council leader Cllr Paul Carter receives from his political opponents, he must be applauded on this occasion for coming up with something we can all be proud of.

The 'nanny state' culture of recent years means many children do not understand what it means to be competitive, but thankfully this is now a thing of the past.

Here's hoping the British Olympians of the future will look back fondly on the time they competed at the Kent School Games.

Wings spread far too thinly

As a resident of Cliftonville with a love of aircraft, I would like to give my views on this year's Big Event in Margate.

Although I enjoyed what flying there was, I would question the timings on both days. Had I not phoned the information centre and looked at the website, I would not have known about the strange timings.

Saturday saw the Red Arrows at 12.15pm, with the main display at 2.15pm and finishing at 3.30pm – ridiculous. And Sunday starting at 3pm and finished by 4.45pm was far too short.

There should have been more advertising locally. I am sure many more would have attended.

I know how much shows from the Red Arrows, the Battle of Britain Flight and the Typhoon cost. Would it not have been an idea to have just one day of flying, lasting four to five hours? I know people who came from London who were bitterly disappointed with the length and content. Lastly, I am not opposed to the £2 entrance fee for the enclosure area, but why not put more events on in Palm Bay Avenue? Why not fill the showground with a fair and perhaps a dog show (before the flying, of course)? There must also be room for a giant boot fair – and why not have the Cliftonville Classic Car Show that weekend?

Advertise more and have all the flying on one day and I am sure the benefits will be forthcoming.

RK Wicks, Cliftonville

Coastal towns on the fringes

Once again the Kent coast finds no friends in high places. Chancellor George Osborne has offered an excellent start-up incentive to small business with up to £50,000 employers' National Insurance contributions relief for the first 10 employees – excluding London, the South East and East Anglia.

This will be of no benefit to businesses in Dover, Folkestone and Thanet, raising doubts among those who voted Tory and Lib Dem. Not that Labour was any better, diverting wealth to the north and Scotland. Our coast has been an unemployment black spot for years and the leisure boom never really took off here. And while there have been some improvements, tourism has struggled. Similarly, few service sector roles have been attracted here. The national view of the rich South East galls me. Living and working in Dover and Ramsgate is no joke. Now we receive an economic kick in the face based on faulty job statistics from the Chancellor.

It's nonsense to suggest nine more jobs are created in Ramsgate or Folkestone for every one created in Hull or Liverpool.

If only that were true. Political parties seem to regard this part of the world in the same economic light as Knightsbridge and Oxford.

Will we see MPs Charlie Elphicke (Dover and Deal) and Laura Sandys (South Thanet) raise this as an issue? Will they be joined by Folkestone's Damian Collins? Perhaps Roger Gale could join in as well, though his North Thanet constituency has such an increasing number of retired people perhaps he feels less need?

What about the business forums – will you all start to lobby them?

Perhaps our Tory MPs could get together with other MPs on the South coast – such as Hastings, Littlehampton and the Isle of Wight. But a word of warning to those just elected: politics is changing, as the public made clear when ousting 'spend wildly' New Labour, without giving the 'slash and cut' Tories a clear mandate. Ideological parties were marginalised.

Mandates and ideology mean even less now to the voters, who merely want a reasonable life and are not interested in party politics. Perhaps with electoral reform there will be the promised mechanism for disenchanted voters to force out an MP.

I doubt MPs have fully realised the public remain largely unimpressed by their activities and that what has gone on before will not be tolerated in future, whatever party you're in.

It's time for more parties with a regional interest. Half a dozen independent MPs looking after the South coast electorate may well hold a lot more clout in a future multi-party parliament.

Bernie Watson, by email

Serendipity or Press power?

You kindly printed my letter about dangerous potholes as your Letter of the Week.

On Wednesday morning, a team turned up and patched a large number of potholes in the area I had complained about. What a surprising coincidence! Was this planned all along, or did it a need a little modest publicity to jog the system into action?

Do the highways people take any notice of their official notification system, or do they only respond to the media?

Whatever the reason, we are grateful to the cheerful, friendly group of three men and a truck who worked hard on a hot morning to help us. Actually, this stretch of road badly needs completely resurfacing, but that's another story ...

Graham Galer, Faversham

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

Including family announcements in partnership with the Kent registration service

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BIRTHS

ALEXANDER-BAILEY
William Albert Alexander-Bailey born on 18th June 2010, weighing 9lbs 11 ozs. Son to Lisa and Peter in Herne Bay. A brother for Charles and Daisy.

BROWNING
Andrew and Hannah Browning of Ightham are proud to announce the birth of their second son Ethan Alexander, born 17th June 2010, weighing 9lb 9oz.

BUCKLAND
Shelly and Chris Buckland celebrate the birth of their son Jacob Edward Buckland on 19th May 2010, weighing 7lbs 14ozs. A beautiful and much loved son and brother for Chloe.

CURD
Dan and Sharon celebrate the birth of their son Jude Sidney Curd on 14th June 2010, weighing 8lb 6oz. Brother to Felix, Xavier and Tilly.

NARRAWAY
Macie Anne born on 12th June 2010, weighing 7lbs 2.5oz. Daughter to Liam and Georgina. Precious little sister to Millie Ellen.

STEELE
Grant and Joanna would like to celebrate the birth of their beautiful daughter, Megan Ashleigh, born 31st May 2010, weighing 7lb 10oz, at Maidstone General Hospital.

WYLD
Dylan Christopher born on 20th June 2010, weighing 9lbs 5ozs. Son to Rebecca and Christopher Wyld in Maidstone.

DEATHS

BELLINGER
Mavis E Bellinger on the 24th June 2010 aged 78. Dearly loved mother and wife. Funeral Service at St. Marys Church in Lenham at 2pm on the 8th July 2010. Family flowers only, donations to Cancer research.

BRAUND
Douglas Charles Braund of Abbeywood aged 78 years passed away peacefully on 21st June 2010. Sadly missed by family and friends. Funeral to take place at Medway Crematorium at 2.00pm on Monday 5th July 2010. Enquiries to Paul Rowlands, Funeral Directors Maidstone 01622 662661

FORD
Jean Dunn Ford of Dover passed away peacefully on the 23rd June 2010. Donations to the Pilgrims Hospice, all enquiries to Farriers of Dover.

HUTCHINGS
Yvonne Rowland (nee Jones, formerly Law) died at home in Gravesend on 14th June, aged 82 years, after a long illness, bravely endured. All enquiries to Co-operative Funeralcare 01474 365980.

PHIPPS
Mary Ann Phipps died peacefully on 18th June 2010. Will be missed by her children and grandchildren.

RANDALL
Nina Emily Randall passed away on 16th June at Maidstone Hospital aged 93 years. Dearly loved Mum of Ray, Barry and Paul and much loved Nan. For funeral arrangements contact Clarkes of Snodland.

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It's smiles better

We must thank everyone who supported our smiley faces tombola at Kennington fair. We raised £300 for Sands – the stillbirth and neonatal death charity – which works to support families of the 17 babies who die every day. Our thanks also to to the volunteers for arranging such a magnificent day.

Chris Twydell, Hothfield

Big Society is here

As Chancellor George Osborne announces cuts in his Budget, the economic environment poses huge challenges for charities and social enterprises.

Prime Minister David Cameron's vision of a Big Society offers an opportunity for these organisations to compete with the private sector to deliver public services, to be judged not only on social impact but also on their ability to sustain viable business models.

The needs of the people charities support are constant and increase during times of hardship. Those who depend on the support of charities and local services need to know they can trust those organisations to be there for them for life. Grants, loans and expert help provided by social investors can help even small community ventures to become sustainable and provide that security.

We believe charities and social enterprises are ready to take a central role in public life and help make the Big Society a reality.

Hundreds of small community organisations have blossomed with this type of help.

We know thousands more will, too.

Jonathan Lewis, chief executive, The Social Investment Business; Ian Watson, project manager, South Holland Radio; Jolanta Lasota, chief executive, TreeHouse Project; Lord Victor Adebowale, chief executive, Turning Point; Heather Wood, chief executive, Rainbow Trust

Independent's day

For many, the World Cup is an opportunity to get together with friends and family, sharing the highs and lows of the competition.

At this time, spare a thought for older people, many of whom see their TV as their only friend. One in 10 say they are always lonely. This may be because they have no family or they may have lost a much-loved spouse. Mobility problems may mean they struggle to get outdoors, leading to little human contact. This can lead to loneliness, isolation and despair.

But it doesn't have to be that way.

As an organising volunteer for Independent Age, the UK-wide charity which provides lifelong friendship, practical help and financial support to older people on very low incomes, your skills, ideas and enthusiasm could help brighten the lives of older people. You'll help us recruit and support volunteer visitors, who visit the people we support in their homes.

If you think you have what it takes to help recruit, support and motivate other volunteers and have input on fundraising ideas, we would love to hear from you.

You will have the support of your area manager and a friendly team, who will help and advise every step of the way.

This is a fantastic and rewarding opportunity for someone who has time to spare, is proactive, supportive and committed to making a positive difference to the lives of older people.

It could enable you to develop new skills or make use of your professional skills in a voluntary capacity.

If you think you would be suited to becoming an organising volunteer and have about one day a fortnight to spare, contact me on 01403 741042 or email Amanda.Jupp@independentage.org.uk.

Amanda Jupp, South East area manager, Independent Age

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LARGER lady 61, likes tv, cinema, boot sales, fairs, reading, WLTM male for nights out, friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336833**

ATTRACTIVE slim blonde, early 60's, GSOH, likes most things, fed up of kissing frogs, seeks genuine, caring male of similar age to share the good things. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336515**

DEBORAH 41, intelligent brunette, lovely brown eyes, discreet, many interests, seeks similar male to share fun and good conversation. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336721** 📱

ALISON 30, pretty, slim with long brown hair, fit and active seeks fit older male for energetic relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336719** 📱

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MICHELLE 41, stunning, seductive, dark haired nurse seeking sensitive male who likes a gal in a uniform for lots of off duty fun. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336715** 📱

ATTRACTIVE lady, young 44, curvy, size 16-18, 5ft 8ins, modern, likes music, shopping, animals, family life, seeks genuine, easygoing male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336945** 📱

DIANA young 51, slim, N/S, attractive, presentable, likes walks, countryside, coast, animals, meals out, travel, seeks kind, reliable, N/S male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336737** 📱

KATHY 62, slim, loving, caring, GSOH, lonely, no one knows I am out there, please call, looking for male late 50's. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 380112**

JENNY 22, curvy busty blonde, endless legs, loves to dress up, WLTM romantic man for lots of fun and loving. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336675** 📱

REBECCA 33, tall, slim female, does whatever it takes to keep fit and in shape, seeks tall, exciting male who thinks he can keep up with her. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336673** 📱

MICHELLE 26, lonely young widow with no ties, lovely smile, looking for love, romance, flowers and lots of TLC again. Age unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336669** 📱

INTELLIGENT tall slim brunette with a lovely smile, WLTM affectionate well built older male to share happiness, cuddles, special times and intimacies. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336077** 📱

49YR old blonde female, 5ft 8ins, blue eyes, likes outdoors, theatre, travel, meals out, seeks genuine guy for fun and friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336001** 📱

CAROLE young 64, slim blue eyed lonely widow WLTM male to put fun and affectionate back into her life. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336105** 📱

TRACY 31, slim, attractive brunette, loyal and loving, loves water sports seeks kind, caring, fun loving man to love and look after. Looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336107** 📱

CHRISSY N/S, 55, 5ft 2ins, likes seaside, music, boot sales, seeks genuine, reliable male for companionship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 380038** 📱

IRENE 55, sensual, very fair slim blonde, striking green eyes seeks young at heart dark male who has plenty of fun ideas. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336103** 📱

WARM friendly, happy, early retired teacher, early 60's, attractive, blonde, easygoing, calm, seeks tall male, 60's who likes the simple things in life. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 335171**

GEORGIE 45, curvy, tactile blonde, bubbly and chatty looking for broad-minded, fun loving, mature male. Looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 335563** 📱

ATTRACTIVE slim single mum, 44, seeks similar tall male, 40-50, caring, loving and loyal, are you? **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334393** 📷

ALI 25, petite with long brown hair and blue eyes, happy personality, knows what she wants, looking for dishy older guy to sweep her off her feet. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 335561** 📱

GENUINE lady 67yrs young, attractive, works part time, enjoys animals and family, looking for smart likeminded gent with car for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 328289** 📱

LADY 64, 5ft 6ins, slim, likes meals out, travel, seaside, music, films, seeks outgoing male, 63-67 for relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334053** 📱

ATTRACTIVE feminine dark haired lady, 60, likes travel, cinema, dancing, conversation, GSOH, seeks N/S male to share similar interests. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 335519**

FEMALE long hair, blue eyes, attractive, likes beach, historic buildings, walks, theatre, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 335739**

TRACEY 46, 5ft 8ins, long hair, fit, slim, sexy, seeks honest, reliable, attractive, tall, slim guy for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 335375** 📱

SANDRA 38, slim blue eyed blonde, tactile, fun, would love to be seduced by genuine, loving guy. Age/looks/race unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 378298** 📱 📷

24/7 heaven! Seductive young girl, pretty, shapely feminine, dark hair/eyes, loves to make her man happy, seeks discreet male for fun friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 377606** 📱 📷

PETITE female, slim, attractive, blonde hair, green eyes, GSOH, romantic, likes sports, nights out, meals, seeks honest, genuine, N/S male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334613** 📱 📷

ATTRACTIVE petite, 50yr old brunette, seeks male company and friendship, possibly romance, 45-55. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334547** 📱

ATTRACTIVE female, 5ft 5ins, 68, caring, loving, likes cinema, dancing, meals out, seeks tall, handsome male with GSOH. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 335227** 📱

ROS 61, lonely, seeks similar aged male for companionship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 335367** 📱

FUN loving lady, 52, seeks male, 48-58, easygoing and friendly who enjoys the countryside and fun days out. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 335749** 📱

ANNE 70, widow, seeks gent for friendship and companionship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334989**

IS there a man who can help a 62yr old female through the long winter nights. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 335645**

LORRAINE 29, fun bubbly busty blonde, home alone and in need of some TLC, seeks experienced guy for discreet fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336075** 📱

BEV 40, voluptuous blonde, blue eyes, easy to please seeks broad minded guy who thinks he can satisfy her passions, for fun friendship with no ties. Looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336073** 📱

AMY 20, very pretty, smart brunette seeks well built older blond male who knows just what he wants for fun times and much more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336071** 📱

RONNIE 62, young at heart, blonde hair, brown eyes, 5ft 1ins, retired, likes walks, music, dancing, meals out, seeks similar male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 335213** 📱

MANDY 18, very pretty inexperienced young female, seeks seductive older male to tutor and spoil her. Discretion assured. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 335569** 📱

SLIM attractive lady, 5ft 2ins, likes cinema, music, happy go lucky, seeks guy of similar age for fun, possible LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 315297** 📱 📷

MARGARET adventurous, well preserved professional, loving, kind, with many interests, seeks a younger male for fun times. Discretion assured. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 329183** 📱

ATTRACTIVE brunette, blue eyes, 5ft 3ins, petite, mid 50's, seeks gent of similar age for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 331731** 📱

SUE young 43, long dark hair, very adventurous seeks mature male with plenty of experience to chill out and share uncomplicated friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 378306** 📱

53YR old single female, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367954**

CAROLE slim, petite, blonde, green eyes, attractive, 46, likes sports, music, theatre, cinema, seeks genuine, honest, considerate, N/S male, 30-50. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 358114** 📷

EASYGOING blonde looking for someone who appreciates a real woman. Looks/age/status unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 378444** 📱

52YR old female, honest, reliable, trustworthy, likes socialising, meals out, cinema, travel, seeks similar male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 332983** 📱

CINDERELLA blonde, blue eyes, 5ft 9ins, late 60's, seeks Knight in Shining armour for fun, frolics and who knows what? **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349508**

ATTRACTIVE slim, young lady seeks genuine black male for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 348468**

VERY pretty, fair skinned Asian lady, would love to cook up a romantic spicy meal for independent male who will leave lots of room for dessert! **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 378442** 📱

MARIA 45, smoker, slim, likes most things in life, GSOH, seeks tall male, 45-50 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 327447**

ANGIE 31yr old female, gorgeous voluptuous, busty, long legs, great in heels, misses male attention, seeks older guy to put a smile back on her face. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 377866** 📱

41YR old divorced female, outgoing, likes water sports, cars, singing, dancing, seeks honest male with GSOH. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334109** 📱

LADY young looking, mid 50's, attractive, likes gardening, walks, days out, socialising, seeks kind, caring male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334721**

CLARE 5ft 10ins, blonde hair, blue eyes, slim, likes most things, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 318103** 📷

SMALL beautiful green eyed nurse, red hair, very naughty, seeks male to care for. I would love to take your temperature! **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 378438** 📱

RITA 50, likes walks, cinema, travel, music, seeks solvent, N/S male, 47-54 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334467**

ANDREA 34, lovely, sensual with long dark hair seeks mature male to take a chance and share a romantic meal for two. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333607** 📱

CUDDLY female, seeks black male for fun and good times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 319993**

MARGARET 60yrs young, petite, happy go lucky but lonely seeks manly man to who's willing to take a chance to spice things up a bit. Looks/age unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 328699** 📱

LYN likes gardening, walks, meals out, cinema, seeks gent 55 plus with similar interests. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 332691** 📱

SUSIE 55, medium build, dark hair, blue eyes, 5ft 5ins, own home, likes historical places, driving, travel, walks, tv, seeks N/S male with similar interests. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333997** 📱

LOVELY sensual brunette, young 50, seeks adventurous, fun loving, tactile younger male who thinks he can keep up. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 377072** 📱

CLARE petite, size 8-10, likes music, historic places, holidays, animals, meals out, walks, seaside, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334101** 📱

CHERYL 51, attractive, brown hair, likes socialising, seeks attractive, employed male with GSOH to share good times with. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333691**

MANDY 46, very loving, affectionate brunette, lots of lovely curves WLTM romantic, warm hearted male for a special relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334199** 📱

LADY gaga 27, seeks tall, handsome Lord goo goo, 30-35 to be wined, dined and maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 327455**

COULD you capture my heart? Lyn 49, slim, romantic, likes simple things, conversation, walks, flowers, seeks romantic guy to share my journey. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 358264** 📱 📷

SAM 35, single mum to 3 teenage boys, smoker, looking for someone for laughs, meals out, cinema and generally having a good time. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 327577** 📱

KATHLEEN 42, likes keep fit, cycling, cooking, cinema, single mum, seeks genuine male for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334085** 📱



MEN seeking women

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FUN loving, attractive, black male, slim, 24, 5ft 11ins, likes walks, reading, theatre, music, seeks genuine, caring female to share laughter and life with. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336503**

JOHN 55, 5ft 9ins, fit, likes animals, country, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336375**

JOHN 63, easygoing, seeks similar aged female for fun times, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336643** 📱

MICK 60, N/S, no ties, GSOH, romantic, understanding, likes walks, history, travel, films, seeks romantic, understanding lady, 45-60 for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336527** 📱

44YR old male, dark hair/eyes, fun loving, outgoing, likes sports, films, music, seeks female for fun times, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336899** 📱

46YR old male, 5ft 8ins, slim-medium build, seeks genuine lady for discreet fun. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336777** 📱

THANET male, elderly, slim, fit, OHAC, kind, gentle, misses company of a slim female. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336761**

KEN 61, 6ft, slim, seeks female for socialising, drinks, days out, countryside, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336623** 📱

GRAHAM 42, fit, sporty, blond, blue eyes, romantic, seeks attractive, slim female for relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336531**

STEVE tall, dark hair, 46, working, seeks female of similar age who likes indoor and outdoor life. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336511** 📱

KELLY 40, 5ft 8ins, brown hair/eyes, medium-large build, kind, caring, honest, loyal, likes sports, walks, seeks female for fun times, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336269** 📱

ADRIAN 43, likes body building, weight lifting, motorbikes, cars, fishing, seeks female, 30-40 for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 380066** 📱

JOHN 64, seeks lady for friendship and companionship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336217**

TALL attractive, professional black man, 45, very sensual, sexy, adventurous, seeks adventurous, attractive, white lady, 25-55 for unforgettable times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336211** 📱

GRAHAM 55, caring, loyal, easygoing, likes meals out, cinema, walks, country pubs, seeks female for friendship and cuddles. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336209** 📱

PHIL 46, 6ft, average build, blue eyes, blond hair, seeks attractive female, 27-42 for serious relationship and fun. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 335883**

JOHN 41, 6ft, brown hair, blue eyes, likes cooking, camping, formula 1, gardening, fishing, seeks similar aged female, 30-45 for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 332741** 📱 📷

JASON likes travel, nights in/out, seeks female for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336193** 📱

GEORGE likes sports, socialising, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336297** 📱

SLIM 46yr old generous male, seeks slim lady for discreet fun. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336273**

NICE looking fella, 43, 6ft, slim, fit, seeks cheeky, sometimes wild, adventurous female, 30-40 for fun, friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336271**

BARRY 63, black hair, 5ft 10ins, likes most things, walks, swimming, opera, music, seeks female with similar interests. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 335399**

6FT 4ins attractive male, muscular, seeks female, medium-large build, curvy, up to 45. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 335355** 📱

JOHN 29, 5ft 6ins, stocky, GSOH, up for laugh if you are. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 335863** 📱

STEVE 52, slim, fair hair, GSOH, honest, caring, easygoing, seeks female to enjoy life with. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 335851**

RICHARD easygoing, loving, 46, dark hair, blue eyes, 5ft 6ins, likes theatre, holidays, cooking, gardening, music, films, countryside, cinema, seeks female, 35-56. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 335425** 📱

NICE looking fella, 43, 6ft, slim, fit, seeks cheeky, wild, adventurous female, 30-40 for fun, friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 335415**

JAMES 50, 5ft 7ins, good looking, fit, seeks female, 25-50 for uncomplicated relationship/friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336183**

CYRIL widower, 70's, N/S, GSOH, well travelled, likes holidays, coast, drives, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336167**

JAMES 50, attractive, 5ft 7ins, fit, likes gym, seeks female, 25-50 for uncomplicated relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 380044** 📱

DEREK 62, likes most things, GSOH, easygoing, seeks female, 56-63 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336155**

DARREN 38, 6ft 3ins, seeks female, 30-36 for friendship and TLC. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336135** 📱

FIT good looking 30yr old male, seeks slim, petite female, 22-27 with the right smile. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336063** 📱

PHIL 6ft, blue eyes, blond hair, 70kg, seeks female, 27-42 with long hair for fun, friendship, romance and maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 336029** 📱

PAUL 43, 5ft 8ins, loving, caring, outgoing, seeks outgoing, loving, caring female, 18-43. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 335991** 📱

STEVEN 33, likes pubs, clubs, meals out, cinema, seeks female with similar interests. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 335987** 📱

MICHAEL 48, slim-medium build, likes nights in, meals out, cinema, seeks female 40-50 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 335919**

STEVE young 42, nice looking, 5ft 7ins, slim, brown hair, homely, likes country pubs, cinema, walks, seeks attractive, petite, slim female. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333591**

DAVID 64, slim, dark hair, seeks amiable female companion. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334445**

PETER attractive, young 48, 6ft 1ins, hazel eyes, average build, affectionate, funny, likes most things, lets have some fun. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 332371** 📱 📷

NORMAL well adjusted chap, 50, GSOH, seeks similar female to share life with. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 332855**

JAMES 36, GSOH, outgoing, witty, genuine, likes socialising, travel, cinema, music, seeks special female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 335811**

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EMERGENCY operator trainers at Kent Police have won a gold standard award from the Institute of IT Training.

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Training and development manager Michelle West said: "It's vital our operational staff and call handlers are trained to the highest possible level to ensure that when the public call us, we are able to help swiftly and effectively. We work in a fast-paced environment where we constantly have to adjust our training and development programmes to meet changing demands."

The control centre handles about 3,500 emergency and non-emergency calls to Kent Police every day.

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Launched by the national Gundog Club, the series of one-hour sessions in Orpington will result in either a grade one or grade two test.

The Kent course is among almost 30 available to book online, with more being added regularly. Visit www.thegundogclub.co.uk or call 01428 717529 for more information.

ALUMNI from the University for the Creative Arts took part in a reunion event at the Design Museum in London.

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LEARNING CURVE: Film star Jackie Chan starring in the remake of the movie Karate Kid

Martial arts star Chan kick-starts film scholarship

By **STEVE KNIGHT**
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HOLLYWOOD star Jackie Chan has lent his backing to a new film scholarship launched at the University of Kent.

The martial arts expert – currently starring in a remake of the 1984 hit The Karate Kid – has given one Hong Kong resident the opportunity to study for a master's degree in film studies at the school of arts in Canterbury or Paris.

Chan will contribute £15,000 towards the tuition fees and accommodation costs of the successful applicant through the Jackie Chan Charitable Foundation.

The foundation's chairman Sir David Akers-Jones said: "We are delighted to support this scholarship which provides the opportunity to study at one of the UK's most exciting film studies departments."

Born in Hong Kong to refugee parents from the Chinese Civil War, Chan has gone on to become one of the most successful Asian film stars in history.

The 56-year-old's early career saw him work as a stuntman in the Bruce Lee classics Enter the Dragon and Fist of Fury, but Chan has made a name for himself through his comedy roles in films including Rush Hour and Shanghai Noon.

Founded in 1988, the Jackie Chan Charitable Foundation offers scholarships and active help to Hong Kong's young people through a variety of worthy causes.

Over the years it has broadened its scope to include provision of medical services, aid to victims of natural disaster or illness, and projects where the major beneficiaries are Hong Kong people or organisations.

University vice-chancellor Dame Julia Goodfellow said: "On behalf of my colleagues at the University of Kent, and particularly those in the school of arts, I would like to thank the foundation for this scholarship.

"We are immensely proud to have their support."

Hong Kong citizens hoping to win the scholarship had to write a letter to the university explaining why they wanted to continue their film studies there.

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As an Academic Coach you will work with the more able individuals and groups of students to motivate and ensure adequate challenge, in order that students meet their targets and that any barriers to learning are overcome. You will work as part of a domain focused curriculum team, and be educated to at least A Level standard.

Full job description and application form available on our website at www.northfleetgirls.kent.sch.uk. Application by fully completed application form with supporting letter to Mrs S Chisholm at the school (tel: 0844 477 2525) or email: personnel@northfleetgirls.kent.sch.uk.

The successful applicant will be subject to a full CRB check.

Closing date for applications: 12 July 2010

Gravesend Grammar School for Girls

A Foundation School

Pelham Road, Gravesend, Kent DA11 0JE Telephone: 01474 352896
Fax: 01474 331195 Website:www.ggsg.org.uk email: enquiries@ggsg.org.uk

SENIOR COVER SUPERVISOR

35 hours per week - Term Time and Development Days Only (i.e. 39 weeks per year plus paid holiday entitlement) Salary at KCS Band 5, initially Point 14 Pro rata £13,404.60 (full time £16,793)

A methodical and organised person is required to arrange classroom cover at Gravesend Grammar School for Girls. You will be arranging cover for absent teachers using our in-house cover supervisors and a variety of ad-hoc personnel and part time staff. Accuracy and attention to detail is essential. When not engaged in arranging cover you will be required to cover classes as detailed below.

COVER SUPERVISOR / EXAMS ASSISTANT

32.5 hours per week - Term Time, Development Days plus 1 week during holiday period (i.e. 40 weeks per year plus paid holiday entitlement) Salary at KCS Band 4, initially Point 11 Pro rata £12,116.76 (full time £15,984)

Responsible, methodical and accurate person required to work supporting the Exams Officer. Work entails covering classes as detailed below and assisting in the administration of both internal and external exams. During exam periods it will be necessary to work flexibly. Experience of working in a school is desirable and knowledge of the SIMS database would be an advantage. You will be required to work during the exam results period in the summer holidays.

COVER SUPERVISOR

32.5 hours per week - Term Time and Development Days Only (i.e. 39 weeks per year plus paid holiday entitlement) Salary at KCS Band 4, initially Point 11 Pro rata £11,847.48 (full time £15,984)

Enthusiastic, versatile and capable person required to provide classroom cover at Gravesend Grammar School for Girls. The role requires you to actively support the teaching and learning by supervising classes including giving instructions, answering questions and ensuring the engagement of students in study. The role also involves discipline and maintaining behaviour standards. When not actively covering classes you will be required to provide admin support to the teaching staff.

MATHS AND LANGUAGE TECHNICIAN

37 hours per week - Term Time and Development Days Only (i.e. 39 weeks per year plus paid holiday entitlement) Salary at KCS Band 3, initially Point 7 Pro rata £11,897.28 (full time £14,099)

An organised and enthusiastic person is required to support our Maths and Language Faculties. The role covers a wide range of duties including preparing class materials, stock control and orders, maintenance of laptops and language lab and general faculty support. This is an exciting and demanding post and the successful candidate must be ICT literate, flexible and able to work on their own initiative and as part of a team..

MID DAY SUPERVISORS

6.25 hours a week 12.25 – 13.40 daily - Term Time Only (i.e. 38 weeks per year plus paid holiday entitlement) Salary at KCS Band 2, initially Point 4 Pro rata £1,815 (full time £12,903)

Required to supervise the dining room and playground during the lunch period ensuring standards of discipline and hygiene are maintained.

All roles are required from September 2010. Application forms and further details are available from the School Office. Completed forms should be returned by post, fax or email for the attention of **Mrs E Wilson, Headteacher** no later than Wednesday 14th July.

Interviews will be held on the 19th or 20th July 2010.

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PART TIME DINING ROOM ASSISTANT REQUIRED

(starting Monday, 6 September)
Monday–Friday 11.30am–2.30pm
Term time only

(additional assistance with Saturday match teas will be required on a rota basis - overtime paid)
To assist the existing staff with the children's lunches (must have some kitchen experience preferably within a school kitchen environment)

Telephone: Mr Jerry Warran-Smith (Head Chef) for Application Form 01892 519349 (if answerphone please leave details of name and address)

Closing date: Wednesday, 21 July

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105.9 Academy FM Folkestone
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Full Time Deputy Station Manager

from 20th September 2010
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To assist in the day to day management of the radio station, 'Live' on-air programme presentation, scheduling and training of student and community volunteers.

This is an amazing opportunity for a talented and ambitious professional

On offer: Salary £17K ~ £18K
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Closing date for applications: 5th July 2010
Interview date: Friday 16th July 2010
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Apply with CV & covering letter to Jennifer Spooner, HR Manager, The Marlowe Academy, Stirling Way, Ramsgate, Kent CT10 1HQ or
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Abbey Court School

"WE GROW PEOPLE"

Abbey Court School provides a stimulating, challenging and safe learning environment where pupils and staff efforts, work and achievement are celebrated.

We are currently looking for an….

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

to join and enhance our high calibre team

MEDWAY SCALE B2 – POINT 32 TO 41 (£27,052 TO £34,549)

(FULL TIME – TERM TIME ONLY - PRO RATA)

Abbey Court School is located on 2 sites; Rainham (Nursery and Primary) and Strood (Secondary and Further Education), and caters for pupils aged 3-19 with Severe Learning Difficulties. We are looking for an enthusiastic and experienced Occupational Therapist, with a professional and flexible approach. In essence, somebody with an interest in an educational setting who would like to work in a school committed to enabling pupils to reach their full potential.

Working hours are 37 hours p/w, term time only. Candidates should hold a relevant OT qualification. Benefits include: Local Authority pension scheme, induction training, performance management programme and Continuous Professional Development. Visits to the school are welcomed.

Due to the conditions and complex needs of the pupils at Abbey Court School, continuity and consistency of support is paramount and therefore candidates for all positions will need to commit to the full working hours of the post.

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of appointment for post is subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

Closing Date: 9th July 2010

Interviews will be held on 19th July 2010

For an application pack, or to make an appointment to visit, please contact Mrs Linda Taylor, Business Manager, Abbey Court School, Rede Court Road, Strood, Kent, ME2 3SP (01634 338236), stating the position for which you are applying.

Please note CV's will not be accepted.

To advertise in this section
01303 817040

THE SPENCER WING

The Spencer Wing is the independently owned and managed 22 bed private hospital situated on the QEQM Hospital site. We also have a 5 bed unit at the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford. The continuing growth of our business has resulted in a vacancy for the following staff:

Dual Trained Nurse (Margate) - 20 hrs per week
(Paediatric/Adult trained)

Pre-Assessment Nurse - 22.5 hrs (Margate)

To discuss these opportunities or to arrange an informal visit, please contact Vicky Smith or Mary Guarnieri - 01843 234555 Ext: 62207 for the Dual Trained Nurse Position or Deborah Wilson-Webb (Pre-Assessment Sister) on 01843 234555 Ext: 63917

For job description and application form please contact:
Jo Edwards
East Kent Medical Services Ltd
The Spencer Wing, QEQM Hospital, Ramsgate Road, Margate, Kent CT9 4BG
Telephone: 01843 234556
Fax: 01843 296333
E-mail: jo.edwards@thespencerwing.com

The Spencer Wing is an equal opportunity employer

These positions are subject to Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure check

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SANDWICH TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL

Teaching Assistant with Level 3 British Sign Language

32.5 hours per week term time only plus additional hours as and when required to cover events such as parents evening.
Salary to be agreed dependant upon experience.
Required to work with and support a profoundly deaf student.

Administrative Assistant

37 hours per week term time only – Kent Scheme 2. Points 4-7.
£12,903 to £14,099 per annum pro rata
Required to support the school's college offices.

Sixth Form Manager

37 hours per week term time only – Kent Scheme 4 Points 11-14.
£15,984 to £16,793 per annum pro rata.
To administer the school's aims through the development of a student focussed pastoral support system and student services.

A job description and an application form are available from:
Stella Leitner
Sandwich Technology School, Deal Road, Sandwich, Kent CT13 0FA
Tel: 01304 610013
Email: stella.leitner@sandwich-tech.kent.sch.uk
Closing Date: 2nd July 2010

The school is committed to safeguarding children and the post is subject to an enhanced disclosure check.

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Career opportunities at MidKent College

MidKent College based in the Medway Towns and Maidstone is seeking to appoint an outstanding individual in the following areas:

Lecturer in Electrical Installation — Ref: P0357

Salary: £28,463 - £32,251 per annum (dependant on qualifications and experience) Medway

We are looking to recruit an enthusiastic individual to deliver Electrical Installation to learners studying from level 1 to level 3. The successful candidate will contribute to the development, delivery and teaching of Electrical Installation programmes. The ideal candidate must have a current knowledge and practical experience of the Building Services Industry, have sufficient teaching experience and educated to Level 3 or the equivalent in the relevant field. The successful candidate must have; an Advanced Craft Certificate, including Inspection and testing of Installations and possess either a D32/34 or A & V Awards and hold a recognised teaching qualification or be willing to work towards one. Good IT skills and the ability to work within a team are essential.

Lecturer in Foundation Programmes — Ref: P0121

Salary: £24,096 - £28,963 pro rata (dependant on qualifications and experience) 30 hours per week Medway

The College is looking to recruit an outstanding individual to participate in the delivery of Foundation Programmes across the College. The role will involve working with Learners with learning difficulties and/or disabilities and ensuring that learners develop and achieve the skills they need to progress. The successful candidate will hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

Additional Learning Support Tutor/Assessor — Ref: P0378

Salary: £24,792 - £28,311 per annum (dependant on qualifications and experience)
Hourly paid roles also available Maidstone/Medway

We are looking to recruit an exceptional candidate to assist with learning support for students with additional learning support needs. The ideal candidate will be able to demonstrate experience in and knowledge of tutoring, assessing and supporting learners with difficulties and disabilities. The successful candidate will hold or be willing to work towards a recognised assessing certificate.

Personal Tutor — Ref: P0499

Salary: £20,674 - £23,212 per annum (dependant on qualifications and experience) Maidstone

As a Personal Tutor you will plan and deliver a full range of group tutorials to learners with a wide range of abilities. You will also be responsible for a range of supportive activities including one-to-one tutorials. You will be able to work with minimum supervision and have experience of working in a coaching, mentoring or teaching capacity and be willing to undertake an appropriate teaching qualification.

Front Line Events Co-ordinator — Ref: M0450

Maternity Cover – fixed term contract Salary: £16,005 - £19,127 per annum Medway

The successful candidate will arrange, develop and deliver activities to facilitate student learning through training and experience at events. You will efficiently organise frontline events, including liaison with event organisers and Lecturers, supporting the College in the effective running of the frontline programme. Excellent communication skills and a recognised customer service qualification are essential as well as, experience of driving a minibus and holding a full, clean driving license with Class D entitlement or a current PCV license.

Technician in Hair and Beauty — Ref: P0277

Salary: £15,453 - £17,243 per annum Medway

We are looking for an organised candidate to assist the smooth running of the Hair and Beauty department. Responsibilities will include providing technical support to staff and students and setting-up the classrooms as required. Experience in the industry would be advantageous.

Information and Guidance Triage — Ref: P0131

Salary: £15,453 - £17,243 per annum Medway

We are looking to recruit a candidate to assist with the smooth running of the Information, Advice and Guidance department. The ideal candidate will have experience of working within a busy environment and will have excellent organisational skills. Duties will include providing a general enquiry service as part of the front of house team.

Hourly Paid Facilitators — Ref: SE560

Hourly Rate: £8.96 - £11.26 (dependent on qualifications and experience) Medway

We are looking to recruit sessional facilitators to join our successful CAST Team, working with students who have learning difficulties/disabilities. The ideal candidates will have experience of working with young people and are able to offer hours to suit the College timetables.

CLOSING DATE: Friday 16 July 2010

MidKent College is working in partnership with RBLI Employment Solutions to support individuals who have a disability or health condition in the application, interview and employment with the college. If you would like any further information regarding RBLI, or require assistance with your application process then please contact RBLI on 0800 783 1144 or visit their website www.rbli.co.uk for information, advice and guidance.

The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check in accordance with the College procedure.

Application forms and further details are available from **www.midkent.ac.uk**. Alternatively, please e-mail **job.applications@midkent.ac.uk**. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the HR department on 01634 383102 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.

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Accountancy

Accounts Controller
LongField
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information:
MotorSport Vision Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email katie.dickens@motorsportvision.co.uk

Administration, Secretarial, PA

Administrator and PA to Doctor
Canterbury
Salary: TBC
Closing Date: 15/07/10
To apply/more information:
Practice Manager
Wellness Practice
Quoting Job Ref: ISC1
Tel: 01227 789977
Email
admin@idealspinecentre.co.uk

Receptionist / Customer Service
Canterbury
Salary: negotiable
Closing Date: 15/07/10
To apply/more information:
Practice Manager
Wellness Practice
Quoting Job Ref: cust 001
Tel: 01227 789977
Email
admin@idealspinecentre.co.uk

Senior Administrator
Sevenoaks
Salary: circa £19,000 p.a. pro rata
Closing Date: Friday 9th July 2010
To apply/more information:
Spring House Family Service
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01732 465539
Email admin@springhouse.org.uk

ADMIN ASSISTANT
Canterbury
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information:
Baqus Denley King
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email david.dunne@baqus.co.uk

Office Administrator
Tunbridge Wells
Salary: £15,000 to £22,000 PA
To apply/more information:
Fox Print Services
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email Richard.Lewis@foxprintservices.co.uk

Community Ministry Coordinator
Folkestone
Salary: £20,000 - £23,000 per annum
Closing Date: 5.00 p.m. on 23rd July
To apply/more information:
St Saviours Community Centre
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 07960 369681
Email d.grimwood@zedakah.co.uk

Residential Conveyancing Secretary
Gravesend
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information:
Martin Tolhurst Partnership Solicitors
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01474 546018
Email
ccraigie@martintolhurst.co.uk

Catering, Hospitality

Full Time Chef
Maidstone
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information:
Banks Bar
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 07779 645998
Email julieterrylucas@yahoo.co.uk

MID DAY SUPERVISORS
Gravesend
Salary: Pro rata £1,815
Closing Date: Wednesday 14th July
To apply/more information:
Gravesend Grammar School for Girl
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01474 352896
Email enquiries@ggsg.org.uk

Child Care

CHILDRENS CLUB LEADERS
Dover
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information:
Live Business Grosvenor Productions
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email jobs@livebusiness.co.uk

Early Years Practitioner
Sevenoaks
Salary: circa £16,000 p.a.
Closing Date: Friday 9th July 2010
To apply/more information:
Spring House Family Service
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01732 465539
Email admin@springhouse.org.uk

School Escorts
Folkestone
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information:
L J Sackett Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01303 244442
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Construction, Architecture, Surveyors

Quantity Surveying Manager
Ramsgate
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information:
Piper Windows
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Domestic

Day and Evening Cleaners
Canterbury
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information:
Ake Cleaning and Upholstery Cleaning
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01227 749 229
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Construction Site Office Cleaners x 2
Sandwich
Salary: £6 Per Hour
To apply/more information:
Dusters
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01992 448238
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Team Leader – Domestic Services
Tunbridge Wells
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information:
Leonard Cheshire Disability
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01892 531138
Email
sevensprings@LCDisability.org

Domestic Trades

Trainee Carpet Cleaning Technicians
Kent
Salary: £20k +
To apply/more information:
Complete Carpet Cleaning Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 0800 9176726
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Education, Teacher, School

Cover Supervisor
Aylesford
Salary: Kent Scheme 5 - £16,793 to £18,471 which equates to £13,403 to £14,743 pro rata
Closing Date: 12th July 2010
To apply/more information:
Jill McKenna
Aylesford School - Sports College
Quoting Job Ref: KOS
Tel: (01622) 717341
Email jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk

Academic Coaches in Science and Mathematics
Dartford
Salary: £14,170 to £15,738 p.a.
Closing Date: 12 July 2010
To apply/more information:
Northfleet School for Girls
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 0844 477 2525
Email personnel@northfleetgirls.kent.sch.uk

DINING ROOM ASSISTANT
Tunbridge Wells
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information:
Rose Hill School
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01892 519349
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Graduate, Trainees

Apprentices
Medway
Salary: £120 per week
To apply/more information:
Mid Kent College
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01634 383102
Email
job.applications@midkent.ac.uk

Health & Safety, Security, Defense

Safety Inspector
Tunbridge Wells
Salary: £180 per month
To apply/more information:
Metro Safety
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 020 7960 3980
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Industrial, Warehouse, Factory

Shift Production Supervisor
Sittingbourne
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information:
Fourays
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email c.spittles@fourayes.com

Production Operatives
Ramsgate
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information:
Piper Windows
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01843 850500
Email ron@piperwindows.co.uk

Leisure, Tourism, Travel

FULL TIME STYLIST
Canterbury
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information:
Salon Chique
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 07590 043181
Email knightpennington@aol.com

Management, Senior Positions

Project Manager
Deal
Salary: TBA
Closing Date: 30th July 2010
To apply/more information:
North Deal Community Company
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01304 381110
Email chair@northdealcommunity.co.uk

Motor Trade, Driver

Taxi Controller and Telephonist
Folkestone
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information:
L J Sackett Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01303 244442
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

7.5 tonne Multi-drop Collection and Delivery Drivers
Rochester
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information:
Nightfreight
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email
Mary.Kenny@Nightfreight.co.uk

Experienced Parts Advisor
Dartford
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information:
Whitehouse Jeep
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

MECHANIC
Whitstable
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information:
Regent Coaches
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email info@regentcoaches.com

Tyre Fitter / Warehouse Assistant
Ashford
Salary: £7.00-£8.00 per hour
To apply/more information:
Rimstyle Autodesign Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01223 503006
Email sales@rimstyle.com

Fully Qualified MOT Tester
Herne Bay
Salary: TBA
Closing Date: 21st July 2010
To apply/more information:
County Garage (Sales) Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email
carole@countygarageford.co.uk

Not for profit, Charities

Community Support Manager - Swale District
Isle of Sheppey
Salary: £23591 - £28908
Closing Date: 19/07/10
To apply/more information:
Lynda Salisbury
East Kent Mencap
Quoting Job Ref: CSM0001
Tel: 01843-224482
Email Jason.Gerlack@eastkentmencap.co.uk

Community Support Manager - Swale District
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Ashford
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PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that Sriskandarajah Sangrapallai of Londis Milton Convenience, 29 Milton Road, Gravesend, DA12 2RF has applied to Gravesham Borough Council for the variation of hours for sale of alcohol Monday to Sunday 6am to Midnight for the premises Londis Milton Convenience situated at 29 Milton Road, Gravesend, DA12 2RF. A register of licensing applications can be inspected at http://www.gravesham.gov.uk/licensing or at Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 1AU tel. 01474 337334 by appointment with the Licensing Team between 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday. Any person wishing to submit representations to my/our application must give notice in writing to the address shown above, giving in detail the grounds of objection by 22/07/2010. The Council will not entertain representations where the writer requests that his identity remains anonymous. Copies of all representations will be included in the papers presented to the Licensing Panel and will therefore pass into the public domain. Representations must relate to one of the four Licensing Objections: the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm. In the case of an application for a provisional statement, please note that representations will be restricted once a statement has been issued.

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GOODS VEHICLE OPERATORS LICENSE

Wild and Wicked Ltd
Of Unit 18 Warsop Trading Estate, Hever Road
Edenbridge, Kent, TN8 5LD

Is applying to use the above address as an operating centre for 1 Goods Vehicle.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings), near the operating centre who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representation to :-

The Traffic Commissioner
VOSA Licensing Application Services
Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF

stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice.

Representations must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice.

A guide to making representations is available from the traffic Commissioners office.

HIGHWAYS - District of Ashford

APPLEDORE LEVEL CROSSING (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of Track maintenance, the Kent County Council intends to make an order prohibiting traffic on Station Road, Appledore at the Level Crossing.

The current works are planned for 3 nights, as detailed below.

Monday 5 July 2010 from 11.20 pm until Tuesday 6 July at 5.20 am

Tuesday 24 August 2010 at 11.15 pm until Wednesday 25 August at 5.15 am, and then the following night

Wednesday 25 August 2010 at 11.15 pm until Thursday 26 August at 5.15 am.

The road will be closed at at the level crossing. There will be no access for though traffic between the junctions of The Street and Arrowhead Lane.

The suggested alternative route is via B2080 Station Road, The Street, Kenardington Road, Appledore Road, B2067 Warehorne Road, Marsh Road, A2070 Ashford Road, B2080 Rhee Wall, Rhee Wall Road and Station Road.

This Order remains in force for up to 18 months and can be re-implemented if required for works of a similar nature.

HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury

THE STREET, BARHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of works to rebuild the bridge at the junction of The Street and Valley Road, the Kent County Council has made an order prohibiting traffic on The Street, Barham from 5 July 2010 for up 10 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from the junction with Valley Road for a distance of approximately 10 metres past the bridge.

There are two alternative routes as follows:

Westbound via The Street, Gravel Castle Road, Brickfield Road and Valley Road

Eastbound via Valley Road, Derringstone Hill, Derringstone Downs, Rabbit Hole, Church Lane and The Street.

BOSSINGTON ROAD, ADISHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of a bridge inspection on behalf of Network Rail, the Kent County Council intends to make an order prohibiting traffic on Bossington Road, Adisham on or after 19 July 2010 for up to 1 day.

The road will be closed at at the railway bridge.

The signposted alternative route is via Love Lane, B2046 Addisham Road and Station Road

HIGHWAYS - District of Dartford

CYCLE TRACK – SWANSCOMBE TO NORTHFLEET ORDER 2010

In connection with the provision of the Swanscombe to Northfleet Cycle Track, the Kent County Council, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by Section 3 of the Cycle Tracks Act 1984 has made an Order to convert footpath DS17 into a shared use Cycle Track and a segregated use Cycle Track as specified in the Schedule to this Order. The Order was made on 19 March 2010.

The effect of the Cycle Tracks Order will be that the lengths of footpath to which the Order relates will become highways which, for the purpose of the Highways Act 1980, are highways maintainable at public expense and over which the public will have a right of way on pedal cycles (other than pedal cycles which are motor vehicles) and a right of way on foot.

The footpaths designated as cycle tracks by this Order are as follows:

Footpath No	Description
DS17 (segregated)	From anti-motorcycle barriers at the west side of the Channel Tunnel Rail Link bridge to the junction with Stanhope Road, Swanscombe. (approximately 398 metres, segregated use with a width of approximately 3 metres)
DS17 (shared use)	From the anti-motorcycle barriers at the west side of the Channel Tunnel Rail Link bridge to the junction with the path to Thames Way (approximately 205 metres, shared use with a width of approximately 3 metres)

This Order was previously advertised as The Kent County Swanscombe to Northfleet) Order 2010 and included footpath NU2 to which objections were received and therefore has been removed from this Order.

The Order was sealed on 28 June 2010 and will come into force 5 July 2010.

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended and a statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Dartford Borough Council Offices, Civic Centre, Home Gardens Dartford and at Sessions House, Maidstone during normal opening times.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Dartford & District of Sevenoaks

VARIOUS ROADS, DARENTH & SOUTH DARENTH (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst an event is being held on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on various roads Darenth and South Darneth as noted in schedule 1.

The Order will become effective on 5th July 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 12 months; the event is planned to take place on 11th July 2010 and last approximately 2.5 hours. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: as noted in the attached schedule.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate the Dartford Half Marathon.

Schedule 1

Road Name: **Parsonage Lane, Darenth**
Extent: For it entire length
Diversion: A225 Hawley Road, A225 Princes Road and B260 Green Street Green Road

Road Name: **Darenth Hill, Darenth**
Extent: Between its junctions with Parsonage Lane and Green Street Green Road
Diversion: A225 Hawley Road, A225 Princes Road and B260 Green Street Green Road

Road Name: **Roman Villa Road, Darneth**
Extent: For it entire length
Diversion: A225 Hawley Road, A225 Princes Road and B260 Green Street Green Road

Road Name: **Shrubbery Road, Horton Kirby and South Darenth**
Extent: For it entire length
Diversion: A225 Hawley Road, A225 Princes Road and B260 Green Street Green Road

Road Name: **East Hill, Horton Kirby and South Darenth**
Extent: Between its junctions with Shrubbery Road and Rabbits Road
Diversion: A225 Hawley Road, A225 Princes Road and B260 Green Street Green Road

Road Name: **Skinny Lane, Horton Kirby and South Darenth**
Extent: For it entire length
Diversion: A225 Hawley Road, A225 Princes Road and B260 Green Street Green Road

Road Name: **Rabbits Road, Horton Kirby and South Darenth**
Extent: For its entire length
Diversion: A225 Hawley Road, Parsonage Lane, Darenth Hill and B260 Green Street Green Road

Road Name: **Canada Farm Road, Horton Kirby and South Darenth**
Extent: Between its junctions with Rabbuts Road and Green Street Green Road
Diversion: A225 Hawley Road, Parsonage Lane, Darenth Hill and B260 Green Street Green Road

Road Name: **Gills Road**
Extent: For its entire length
Diversion: A225 Hawley Road, Parsonage Lane, Darenth Hill and B260 Green Street Green Road

Road Name: **No entry to St Margarets Road from Green Street Green Road**
Diversion: A225 Hawley Road, Parsonage Lane, Darenth Hill and B260 Green Street Green Road

HIGHWAYS - District of Dover

MILL LANE, WORTH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of BT cabling and jointing works, the Kent County Council intends to make an order prohibiting traffic on Mill Lane, Worth from 19 July 2010 for 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between 'Toe Tippers' and Mill Cottages. There will be no access for though traffic between the junctions with Deal Road and Updown Road.

The signposted alternative route is via Deal Road, Felderland Lane, A256 Eastry By-pass, Hay Hill and Hay Lane.

MOAT SOLE & WOODNESBOROUGH ROAD, SANDWICH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of gas mains replacement, the Kent County Council intends to make an order prohibiting traffic on Moat Sole & Woodnesborough Road, Sandwich from 19 July 2010 for a total period of up to 16 weeks or until the works have been completed.

From 6 September 2010 for approximately 8 weeks, there will be a pause in these works to allow other works nearby to go ahead. The works are then planned to resume on 1 November 2010, with an additional break over the Christmas period.

The roads will be closed in rolling sections starting outside 18 & 20 Moat Sole working along Woodnesborough Road to the junction with Sandwood Road.

The alternative routes will be *westbound* via Cattle Market, Harnet Street, Strand Street, High Street, New Street and St Bart's Road; *eastbound* via Woodnesborough Road, St Bart's Road, New Street and Cattle Market.

VARIOUS ROADS, DOVER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, the Kent County Council has made an order prohibiting traffic on Various Roads, Dover from 5 July 2010 for 6 weeks or until the works are completed.

The extent of the roads affected and the dates are as shown below.

Road name: **Waldershare Road, Sutton**
Extent: From Gaggs Hill for approximately 200 metres to the 30 mph speed limit
Dates: From 7 July 2010 for 3 days
Alternative route: Via Chapel Lane, Roman Road and Little America

Road name: **Mill Lane, Nonington**
Extent: From Mill Top to Sandwich Road
Dates: From 14 July 2010 for 3 days
Alternative route: Via Mill Top, Grannies Lane and Sandwich Road

Road name: **Knell Lane, Ash**
Extent: From A257 Ash Bypass to Richborough Road
Dates: From 19 July 2010 for 5 days
Alternative route: Via A257 Ash Bypass, Cop Street Road and Richborough Road

Road name: **Nelson Park Road, St Margaret's At Cliffe**
Extent: At the junction of Station Road
Dates From 26 July 2010 for 2 days
Alternative route: Via Station Road, Hardy Road and Seymour Road

Road name: **Richborough Road, Ash**
Extent: From Cop Street to Cooper Street Drove
Dates: From 2 August 2010 for 3 days
Alternative route: Via Cop Street, A257 Ash Bypass, Hills Court Road, Cooper Street Drove

Road name: **Richborough Road, Richborough**
Extent: From Cooper Street Drove to Richborough Farm
From: 5 August 2010 for 2 days
Alternative route: Via Richborough Road, Sandwich, Ash Road, Sandwich, A257 Ash Bypass, Hills Court Road, Cooper Street Drove

Road name: **Station road, Goodnestone**
Extent: From Goodnestone Road to Short Street
Dates: From 12 August 2010 for 2 days
Alternative route: Via Short Street and Goodnestone Road.

ST RADIGUND'S ROAD, DOVER (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of the closure of Coombe Valley Road, Dover for gas mains replacement, the Kent County Council has made an order prohibiting waiting on St Radigund's Road, Dover from 5 July 2010 for up to 11 weeks or until the works are completed.

The Order affects the south side of St Radigund's Road outside property numbers 135-141.

These restrictions have been introduced for the safety of the public whilst this road is used as a diversion route because Coombe Valley Road is closed.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Maidstone

COX STREET & YELSTED ROAD, STOCKBURY (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Cox Street outside the Water Works on or after Monday 19th July 2010 for a period of up to 2 days and Yelsted Road from Hill Green Road to Yaugher Lane on or after Monday 9th August 2010 for 2 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for Cox Street is via Yelsted Lane, Yelsted Road, Yaugher Lane, Magpie Lane and for Yelsted Road via Hill Green Road, Cradles Road.

South East Water Ltd apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to lay a water main. Should you require any further information regarding these works, the contact is Nicola Stone on 01634 873290.

CHART HILL ROAD, BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Chart Hill Road at the Hertsfield Bridge on or after Saturday 24th July 2010 for 1 day or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Maidstone Road, A229 Staplehurst Road, A229 Linton Hill, B2163 Heath Road, B2163 Plough Wents Road, Chart Corner, Warmlake Road, Chart Hill Road and vice versa.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary to carry out a survey on the bridge. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Rebecca Harry of Jacobs on 01622 666000.

HIGHWAYS - District of Shepway

ALBERT ROAD, HYTHE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of duct installation works on behalf of BT, the Kent County Council intends to make an order prohibiting traffic on Albert Road, Hythe from 19 July 2010 for 1 week or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at between the junctions with St Leonard's Road and Windmill Street.

The signposted alternative route is via St Leonard's Road and Windmill Street.

VARIOUS ROADS, FOLKESTONE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of Carriageway repairs the Kent County Council intends to make an order prohibiting traffic on Various Roads, Folkestone, as shown in the Schedule below, from 21 July 2010 for 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

Road name: **Connaught Road**
Extent: Around the junction with Guildhall Street
Dates: 21 July 2010 for 1 morning
Alternative route: Via Coolinge Road and Guildhall Street. There will be local access for residents up to the point of closure

Road name: **Coolinge Road, Folkestone**
Extent: Around the junction with Guildhall Street
Dates: 21 July 2010 for 1 afternoon
Alternative route: Via Cheriton Road, Connaught Road and Guildhall Street. There will be local access for residents of up to the point of closure

Road name: **Brockman Road, Folkestone**
Extent: For its entire length
Dates: 22 July 2010 for 2 days; the junction with Cheriton Road will be closed from 9.00 pm on on 21 July 2010
Alternative route: Via Cheriton Road and Coolinge Road

Road name: **Watkin Road, Folkestone**
Extent: Between the junctions with Pavilion Road and Russell Road
Dates: 1 August 2010 for 1 day
Alternative route: Via Pavilion Road and Russell Road

Road name: **Archer Road, Folkestone**
Extent: For its entire length
Dates: 2 August for 1 day
Alternative route: Via Canterbury Road, Linden Crescent and Dawson Road

HIGHWAYS - District of Swale

HOPE STREET, SHEERNESS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of Gas mains replacement the Kent County Council has made an order prohibiting traffic on Hope Street, Sheerness from 5 July 2010 for up to 7 weeks or until the works are completed.

The road will be closed at between the junctions with High Street and Millenium Way.

The suggested alternative route is via High Street and Millenium Way.

HIGHWAYS - District of Thanet

LOMBARD STREET, MARGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of the installation of a new gas supply, the Kent County Council intends to make an order prohibiting traffic on Lombard Street, Margate from 19 July 2010 for up to 5 days.

The road will be closed between the junctions with New Cross Street and Hawley Street.

The One-way Traffic Order in respect of New Cross Street will be reversed, so that traffic travels from Lombard Street to New Street, as and when the appropriate signage is displayed.

The signposted alternative route is via New Cross Street and New Street.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

LEYBOURNE WAY, LARKFIELD (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) (SUSPENSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL WEIGHT RESTRICTION) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Leybourne Way between the entrance and exit points of Tesco on or after Sunday 11th July 2010 for a period of up to 1 night after 17:00hrs or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via New Hythe Lane, A20 London Road, Lunsford Lane, Gighill Road. The Environmental Weight Limit Restriction on New Hythe Lane and Lunsford Lane will be suspended during the works.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary for essential carriageway resurfacing works. Should you require any further information the Kent Highway Services contact is Robert Seggie on 08458 247 800.

For further information, please contact Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

Kent Highway Services

**KINGFISHER ROAD, LARKFIELD)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Kingfisher Road between Raven Close and New Hythe Lane on or after Tuesday 6th July 2010 for a period of up to 4 nights between 19:00hrs and 02:00hrs or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via New Hythe Lane, A20 London Road, Lunsford Lane, Kingfisher Road.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary for essential carriageway resurfacing works. Should you require any further information the Kent Highway Services contact is Robert Seggie on 08458 247 800.

**A20 LONDON ROAD WHITE HILL ROUNDABOUT, BULL LANE
AND A227 BOROUGH GREEN ROAD, WROTHAM
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on A20 London Road White Hill Roundabout, Bull Lane between The High Street and the A20 and A227 Borough Green Road between the A20 and Borough Green Road on or after Tuesday 20th July 2010 for a period of up to 5 nights between 22:00hrs and 05:00hrs or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for A227 Borough Green Road is via A227 Borough Green Road, A227 Wrotham Road, A227 Western Road, A25 Borough Green Road, A25 Ightham By-Pass, A25 Sevenoaks Road, A25 Maidstone Road, A25 High Street, A25 Seal Road, A225 Otford Road, A225 Sevenoaks Road, A225 Shoreham Road, A225 Eynsford Road, A20 Gorse Hill, A20 London Road, for Bull Lane via Borough Green Road and then as above, for A20 London Road eastbound as above vice versa and for A20 westbound via A25 Maidstone Road, A25 Sevenoaks Road and then join above diversion on A25 Borough Green Road.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary for essential carriageway resurfacing works. Should you require any further information the Kent Highway Services contact is Robert Seggie on 08458 247 800.

**NEW WHARF ROAD, TONBRIDGE
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) (SUSPENSION OF ONE WAY ORDER) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on New Wharf Road from the junction of The High Street to the loading bay for Somerfield on or after 08:00hrs Saturday 24th July 2010 to 07:00hrs Monday 26th July 2010 or until such works are completed.

The one way orders on New Wharf Road, River Walk and Bradford Street are temporarily suspended during the time of the works to allow for access to The High Street via Bradford Street.

EDF Energy, Southern Gas Networks, South East Water, Virgin Media and BT apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to provide new connections. Should you require any further information regarding these works, the contacts are: EDF – Ed Spalding on 01342 413633, SGN – Kim Gibbons on 01279 792233, BT – Simon Parsons on 01732 366650, SEW – Sarah Cameron on 01634 276166, Virgin Media – on 01634 303976.

**A228 MALLING ROAD, BEECH ROAD, MEREWORTH & B2016 SEVEN MILE LANE
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) (PROHIBITION OF RIGHT TURNS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on A228 Malling Road, Mereworth between Beaufighter Road and The Street and from accessing Beaufighter Road from Beech Road and vice versa on or after Sunday 25th July 2010 until 5th September 2010 or until such works are completed.

The right hand turns for traffic travelling in a northerly direction on B2016 Seven Mile Lane should be prohibited into the following roads: Willow Wents, Beech Road, Comp Lane, Teston Road and A20 London Road.

An exception will be made to allow buses only, to turn right from B2016 Seven Mile Lane into Teston Road.

The alternative route for A20 London Road will be westbound to the Nepicar (M26) roundabout, returning eastbound to A20 London Road.

Southern Gas Networks and Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for gas mains replacement and carriageway repairs. Should you require any further information regarding these works, the contacts are John Adsley for SGN on 01233 714082 and Robert Seggie for Kent Highway Services on 08458 247 800.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tunbridge Wells

**BENENDEN ROAD, CRANBROOK
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Benenden Road from Fridays to Tilsden Lane, on or after Monday 19th July 2010 for an estimated period of up to 3 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Tilsden Lane, Golford Road, New Pond Road, Mounts Hill, Cranbrook Road.

EDF Energy apologise for any inconvenience caused, which are necessary to repair the carriageway. Should you require any further information regarding these works, their contact is Colin Marsh of Skanska Utilities Ltd on 02075 104000.

**SANDHURST ROAD, TUNBRIDGE WELLS
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Sandhurst Road between A264 Pembury Road and Sherwood Road on or after Sunday 25th July 2010 for a period of up to 5 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is for northbound traffic via A264 Pembury Road, A264 Calverley Road, A264 Crescent Road, A264 Church Road, A26 London Road, A26 Grosvenor Road, Upper Grosvenor Road, Sandhurst Road and southbound as above but uses Meadow Road and Goods Station Road at the junction of Upper Grosvenor Road and Grosvenor Road.

Southern Gas Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for gas mains replacement. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is John Adsley on 0800 111999.

**VARIOUS ROADS, SPELDHURST
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on the routes described in the Schedule.

The alternative routes as described will be noted in the schedule. Access will be maintained up to the points of closure. The Order will become effective on Sunday 25th July 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

Schedule

Road Name:	**Barden Road, Speldhurst**
Extent:	Northfields to Furzefield Avenue
Dates:	Start: 25th July 2010 End: 6th September 2010
Diversion:	Barden Road, B2176 Penshurst Road, Poundsbridge Lane, Penshurst Road, Speldhurst Hill
Road Name:	**Northfields, Speldhurst**
Extent:	Junction with Barden Road
Dates:	Start: 23rd August 2010 End: 17th September 2010
Diversion:	Barden Road, Speldhurst Hill, Penshurst Road, Northfields
Road Name:	**Northfields, Speldhurst**
Extent:	Junction with Penshurst Road
Dates:	Start: 4th October 2010 End: 8th November 2010
Diversion:	Penshurst Road, Speldhurst Hill, Barden Road, Northfields
Road Name:	**Penshurst Road, Speldhurst**
Extent:	Northfields to The Old Oast
Dates:	Start: 11th October 2010 End: 8th November 2010
Diversion:	Penshurst Road, Speldhurst Hill, Barden Road, Northfields
Road Name:	**Penshurst Road, Speldhurst**
Extent:	Northfields to Milford House
Dates:	Start: 8th November 2010 End: 6th December 2010
Diversion:	Penshurst Road, Poundsbridge Lane, B2176 Penshurst Road, Barden Road, Northfields

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate gas mains replacement works to be undertaken by Southern Gas Networks.

Please note: Access will be maintained for all residents, businesses and their visitors as much as possible during the works.

For further information please call John Adsley of SGN on 08458 070 1431.

For further information, please contact Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

Kent Highway Services

**IN THE BOROUGH OF TONBRIDGE AND MALLING
THE TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL (OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) (AMENDMENT & CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2010**

Notice is hereby given that Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council has made the above Order on 29th June, 2010, under Sections 32 and 35 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (the Act), and of all other enabling legislation, having obtained the consent of Kent County Council in accordance with Section 39(3) of the Act, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 of the Act. The Order will come into force on Monday, 5th July, 2010.

The effect of the Order will be to revoke all existing Off Street Car Park Orders and incorporate their provisions, along with amendments thereto, in the above Order. These amendments are as follows:

1. Castle Grounds Car Park, Tonbridge. The limited parking for visitors (in designated Bays) to the Tonbridge Gateway Offices is increased to 30 minutes. Parking in Permit Holder Bays may take place on Saturdays upon the purchase of a Pay & Display ticket from the Upper Castle Field Car Park.

2. Aylesford (Bailey Bridge) Car Parks. The description will be amended to Aylesford (East of Bailey Bridge Road) and Aylesford (West of Bailey Bridge Road).

3. Snoll Hatch Car Park, East Peckham. This Car Park is removed from the Order as it is no longer controlled by the Borough Council.

4. Snodland Car Park. The nine parking spaces on the east side of the entrance road from the High Street are to have 1 hour limited parking, between the hours 8.00am to 6.00pm (no return 1 hour) Monday – Thursday.

5. Western Road Car Park, Borough Green. The wording of the Order is to be amended so as to prevent consecutive 2 hour 'free tickets' being obtained throughout the day.

6. Blue Bell Hill Car Park, Aylesford. The wording of the Order is to be amended to remove the charge for parking on a Saturday.

7. Leybourne Lakes Country Park; Haysden Country Park (including Main Car Park and the two Car Parks at Haysden Water), and Audley Rise Car Park, Tonbridge. These Car Parks are to be combined into one group as terms and conditions are the same. In particular, a Joint Season Ticket has been introduced at the existing charge of £25. Pay and Display tickets may be purchased in the Main Car Park for use in each of these car parks.

A copy of the Order, together with a copy of the Council's reasons for making the Order may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of Tonbridge and Malling Council Offices, Kings Hill, West Malling or Tonbridge Castle and the Kent County Council Offices, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent.

Any person may, by application to the High Court within six weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Order or of any provision contained in them on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or of any instrument made thereunder, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Orders.

Steve Humphrey
Director of Planning,
Transport & Leisure Services

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

10/01901/HOUSE **Watermill House Mill Street, Benenden**
- Erection of chimney for log batch boiler in outbuilding (LB)

10/01907/LBC **Watermill House Mill Street, Benenden**
- Listed Building Consent: Erection of chimney for log batch boiler in outbuilding (TW/10/01901 refers) (LB)

10/02052/HOUSE **Babbes Farm Babbs Lane, Benenden**
- Re-instatement of chimney stack (LB)

10/02053/LBC **Babbes Farm Babbs Lane, Benenden**
- Listed Building Consent: Re-instatement of chimney stack (LB)

10/02041/LBC **Broadfield Gate Farm Road, Bidborough**
- Listed Building Consent: conversion of redundant agricultural barn to holiday let and installation of sewage treatment plant in adjacent field (LB)

10/01875/HOUSE **The Stable Block Little Dunks Farm, Brenchley**
- Erection of detached stables and waste clamp (LB)

10/01597/LBC **Smith & Western Old West Station, Broadwater**
- Listed Building Consent: Construct post and rail, closeboard overlapped fence to create storage and delivery area to service restaurant (work already carried out) (LB)

10/01844/HOUSE **South Lawn 3 Nevill Park, Broadwater**
- Two storey rear extension (LB)(CA)

10/02056/FUL **Smith & Western Old West Station, Broadwater**
- Construct post and rail, closeboard overlapped fence to create storage and delivery area to service restaurant (work already carried out) (LB) (CA)

10/01881/LBC **Friezley Friezley Lane, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Listed Building Consent: Remove existing cement-based render between oak studwork, repair timbers as necessary, insulate, re-plaster in lime two-coat render (LB)

10/02040/HOUSE **Kings Wear High Street, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Single storey rear extension (CA)

10/02011/LBC **Alexandre Boyes 48 Mount Ephraim, Culverden**
- Listed Building Consent: Erection of five hooded spotlights and projecting signboard (work already carried out) (LB)

10/02049/FUL **Eurohouse 11 Lime Hill Road, Culverden**
- Conversion of existing three storey office building into three individual flats. Ground floor - one bedroom with attached basement. First floor - Two bedroom flat. Second floor - One bedroom flat (CA)

10/02060/FUL **Eurohouse 11 Lime Hill Road, Culverden**
- Conversion of existing three storey office building into single dwelling - 4no. bedrooms (CA)

10/02051/FUL **Little Combourne Farmhouse Jarvis Lane, Goudhurst**
- Change of use, alterations and part conversion of existing garage and workshop building to holiday let and ancillary accommodation to the main house (LB)

10/02054/LBC **Little Combourne Farmhouse Jarvis Lane, Goudhurst**
- Listed building consent - change of use, alterations and part conversion of existing garage and workshop building to holiday let and ancillary accommodation to the main house (LB)

10/02055/HOUSE **1 Ruscombe Close Southborough, Southborough North**
- Extension of Time: Convert garage to bedroom (TW/07/01504/FUL refers) (CA)

10/02031/LBC **Holly Cottage Bullingstone Lane, Speldhurst**
- Listed Building Consent: Remove 20th century addition inside original inglenook fireplace (LB)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

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Latest Leon is roaring to the fore

By **STEVE LOADER**

UNDERLINING the Jekyll and Hyde existence that carmakers now lead, Seat has launched its most potent Leon hatchback yet – just weeks after the most miserly version.

The 265PS (262bhp) Leon Cupra R and its ability to dash to 62mph in only 6.2 seconds, contrasts sharply with the low emission (99g/km of CO2) road tax exempt Leon Ecomotive.

But while making a name as a producer of some of the most eco-friendly cars on the road, VW's Spanish arm is also well aware of its sporty Auto Emocion image and Leon Cupras are the established flag bearers here.

The latest incarnation is the most powerful car offered for sale in Seat's 25-year UK history – with an extra 25PS being wrung from the turbocharged four-pot 2.0-litre petrol engine in the existing Cupra.

Even more important for hot hatchback fans is that much of the extra punch or torque is low down the rev range, which could have presented 'torque steer' problems for the front-wheel drive car.

However, Seat claims to have avoided any steering wheel antics from the driving wheels fighting to apply such great power to the road; it has tweaked the XDS electronic system and cocktail of driving aids developed to counter the problem on the standard Cupra.

Seat claims the result is "near-supercar levels of acceleration and performance" and yet it is still not a million of miles from its shrinking violet Emotive sister – in the hot hatch class a combined economy of 34.9mpg and CO2 emissions of 190 g/km make it one of the greenest of its type – most rivals deliver emissions of 220+g/km.

The Cupra R's standard six-speed manual gearbox has also been upgraded to allow even faster changes.

It does also appear to travel fast even when stationary: sporty kit includes twin central exhaust pipes within a rear diffuser, high-level rear spoiler, gloss black highlighting inside and out, and 19-inch alloys – traditional silver or contemporary white – and becomes the first Seat in this sector to wear wheels of this size.

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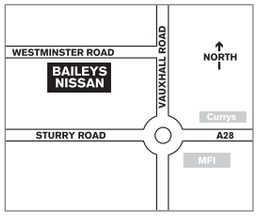
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08	58	Agila Club CDTi	1.3	5	Steel silver	10,450	7,995
09	09	Agila Club A/c	1.2	5	Atlanta blue	6,350	7,995
09	59	Agila Design CDTi	1.3D	5	Lemon grass	1,350	9,495
09	59	Agila Design CDTi	1.3D	5	Moroccan blue	1,266	9,495
09	59	Agila Club CDTi	1.3D	5	Steel silver	3,900	8,995
09	59	Agila Design CDTi	1.3D	5	Moroccan blue	5,150	9,495
10	59	Agila Design	1.2	5	Lemon grass	2,790	8,995

ASTRA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
05	05	Astra Sri Ex Pack	2.0	3	Black sapphire	22,250	7,995
06	06	Astra Active	1.6	5	Ultra blue	37,000	6,750
07	07	Astra Design Auto Estate	1.8	5	Silver lightening	22,190	7,495
07	07	Astra Sri Sports hatch X pack	1.6 TBO	3	Flame red	29,810	9,995
07	57	Astra VXR	2.0	3	Arden blue	25,000	13,995
07	57	Astra Sxi Sports hatch CDTi	1.7D	3	Star silver	40,675	8,795
08	08	Astra Design CDTi Auto	1.9D	5	Star silver	22,200	9,695
08	08	Astra Sxi Sports hatch	1.6	3	Silver lightening	24,300	9,695
08	08	Astra Sri X Pack	1.8	5	Black sapphire	14,575	9,995
08	58	Astra Breeze	1.4	5	Silver lightening	10,700	8,995
09	58	Astra Sxi	1.6	5	Panacotta	12,625	9,995
09	09	Astra Club	1.4	5	Silver lightening	18,218	8,995
09	09	Astra Sri CDTi X Pack	1.9D	5	Star silver	9,710	14,995
09	09	Astra Active	1.4	5	Black sapphire	9,650	9,995
09	09	Astra Breeze Plus CDTi	1.7D	5	Star silver	14,100	10,495
09	59	Astra Sxi eco flex	1.7D	5	Sovereign silver	3,400	12,995

CORSA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
04	04	Corsa Design	1.2	5	Star silver	63,890	3,995
06	56	Corsa Design CDTi	1.3D	5	Flame red	38,450	7,495
07	07	Corsa Design	1.2	3	Metro blue	20,655	7,195
08	07	Corsa Club	1.2	5	Flame red	27,810	6,795
07	57	Corsa Design CDTi	1.3D	5	Star silver	37,900	7,995
08	58	Corsa Active	1.2	3	Black sapphire	7,030	7,995
09	09	Corsa Active	1.0	5	Star silver	6,270	8,475
09	09	Corsa Sxi A/c	1.2	5	Metro blue	19,970	8,995
09	59	Corsa Life CDTi	1.3D	5	Black sapphire	4,600	9,495
09	59	Corsa Life CDTi	1.3D	5	Star silver	9,950	8,995
09	59	Corsa Active CDTi	1.3D	5	Silver lightening	4,300	9,995
09	59	Corsa Club CDTi	1.3D	3	Metro blue	6,480	9,695
09	59	Corsa Sxi A/c	1.4	3	Silver lightening	800	10,495
09	59	Corsa Sxi A/c X pack	1.4	3	Black sapphire	10,150	11,495
09	59	Corsa Life CDTi	1.3D	5	Air blue	7,850	9,395
09	59	Corsa Sxi A/c	1.4	5	Silver lightening	4,450	10,495
09	59	Corsa Active	1.2	3	Star silver	7,180	9,395
04	04	Corsa Energy	1.0	3	Black sapphire	42,500	3,695

INSIGNIA & SIGNUM

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
08	58	Insignia Sri	1.8	5	Black sapphire	12,625	12,995
09	09	Insignia Tourer Exclusive	1.8	5	Black sapphire	9,300	13,995
09	59	Insignia Elite CDTi Nav	2.0	5	Sovereign silver	6,550	21,995
09	59	Insignia CDTi ECO Exclusive	2.0	5	Silver lake	7,350	16,995
05	55	Signum Elite	2.2	5	Star silver	58,800	5,995

MERIVA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
06	06	Meriva Design E/T	1.6	5	Metro blue	33,225	6,495
06	56	Meriva Life A/C	1.4	5	Steel blue	19,730	5,995
09	09	Meriva Life A/c	1.4	5	Metro blue	8,320	8,995

VECTRA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
07	07	Vectra CDTi Exclusiv +	1.9D	5	Silver lightening	88,375	5,995
08	58	Vectra Exclusive	1.8	5	Black sapphire	15,390	8,795

ZAFIRA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
05	05	Zafira Design CDTi Auto	2.0	5	Star silver	53,000	6,495
08	57	Zafira Breeze	1.6	5	Star silver	12,630	8,495
08	58	Zafira Exclusive	1.6	5	Star silver	13,700	9,995
09	59	Zafira Active CDTi+	1.9D	5	Ultra blue	2,880	14,495
09	59	Zafira Design CDTi	1.9	5	Panacotta	2,200	16,995
09	59	Zafira Active Plus	1.8	5	Ultra blue	5,670	13,995
05	05	Zafira Design CDTi Auto	2.0	5	Star silver	53,000	6,495

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FIRST GEAR

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New Volvo S60 now extra chassis savvy

VOLVO is about to launch its most important model for ages and it is a serious tilt at BMW's 3-Series compact executive star.

It's the all-new S60, available to order from £23,295 ahead of launch later this month.

Racy four-door coupé/saloon styling builds on the current car's sleek lines, without carrying over its handling deficiencies; Volvo says the new S60 will walk the talk this time as the Swedish marque improves it chassis savvy.

Engines include an all-new five-cylinder 163bhp 2.0-litre D3 engine capable of a combined 54.3mpg to satisfy those who want their four-door coupé to have real world economy too, though the familiar Volvo twin-turbo D5 powerplant also features to give 0-62mph in 7.8 seconds yet average more than 50mpg.

An exterior styling kit (£1,150) is available too for those wanting to make the most of the car's good looks.

The signs are good for both new S60 and the brand, which enjoyed its best first quarter in the UK for 18 years, despite the gloomy economy.

Kia wins prize slot on Top Gear

BBC'S Top Gear has chosen the Kia Ceed hatchback for its new series and the hugely popular Celebrity in a Reasonably Priced Car slot.

It represents a major publicity coup for the Korean brand, and communications chief Stephen Kitson said: "The last time Top Gear paid us any attention I think they tried to build one of our cars out of washing machines – so this is quite a step forward in their understanding of just how Kia has changed over the last six years."

He added that the latest JD Power customer satisfaction survey named the Ceed as best small-medium car; the £13,930 Ceed 2 1.6-litre manual five-door seen on Top Gear comes with Kia's standard seven-year warranty.



EcoBoost to Mondeo's company car appeal



FORD has boosted the Mondeo's company car appeal through improved fuel economy, lower emissions and stronger performance on key models.

The big change is a new high efficiency turbocharged 203PS(200bhp) 2.0-litre EcoBoost petrol-injection unit, but Ford has also widened 2.0-litre TDCi diesel options with 115, 140 and new 163PS (160bhp) versions.

The new EcoBoost unit offers 0-62mph acceleration in 7.9sec, claimed combined fuel economy of 36.6mpg, with CO2 emissions of just 179g/km. Ford's smooth six-speed dual-clutch PowerShift transmission system also now comes into the Mondeo range.

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FABIA CLASSIC 5DR HATCH	1.4 TDi (DIESEL)	GN53DVO	NOVEMBER '03	32167	BLACK MAGIC	£4,490.00
FABIA CLASSIC 5DR HATCH	1.9 SDi 68 BHP (DIESEL)	GN51RXJ	DECEMBER '01	62588	BLACK MAGIC	£3,190.00
FABIA CLASSIC 5DR HATCH	1.9 SDi 68 BHP (DIESEL)	AF52LSJ	OCTOBER '02	75464	DARK BLUE	£2,490.00
FABIA COMFORT 5DR HATCH	1.4 16v 100 BHP (PETROL)	W938XKL	MARCH '00	88964	DIAMOND SILVER	£1,990.00
FABIA AMBIENTE 5DR HATCH	1.2 12v 64 BHP (PETROL)	GK07WRX	MARCH '07	20244	TANGERINE ORANGE	£6,290.00
FABIA AMBIENTE 5DR HATCH	1.2 12v 64 BHP (PETROL)	GF07JZX	APRIL '07	29730	SATIN GREY	£6,490.00
FABIA ELEGANCE 5DR HATCH	1.4 16v 100 BHP (PETROL)	X128OVV	JANUARY '01		BLACK MAGIC	£2,990.00
FABIA BLUELINE 5DR HATCH	1.2 12v 64 BHP (PETROL)	GK03KVH	JULY '03	57168	ADMIRAL BLUE	£3,490.00
FABIA SPORT 5DR HATCH	1.2 12v 64 BHP (PETROL)	GF56UZR	DECEMBER '06	18530	BLACK MAGIC	£6,490.00
FABIA SPORT 5DR HATCH	1.2 12v 64 BHP (PETROL)	GK07WRJ	MARCH '07	26251	FLAMENCO RED	£5,990.00
FABIA VRS 5DR HATCH	1.9 TDi 130 BHP (DIESEL)	PJ05SZL	MAY '05	96760	BLACK MAGIC	£5,490.00
FABIA VRS 5DR HATCH	1.9 TDi 130 BHP (DIESEL)	GL56MZV	DECEMBER '06	31774	BLACK MAGIC	£8,990.00
FABIA LEVEL 1 5DR HATCH	1.2 6v 60 BHP (PETROL)	GD07CCO	JULY '07	15244	DYNAMIC BLUE	£6,490.00
FABIA LEVEL 1 5DR HATCH	1.2 6v 60 BHP (PETROL)	GJ57WBZ	SEPTEMBER '07	25735	CORRIDA RED	£5,990.00
FABIA LEVEL 1 5DR HATCH	1.2 6v 60 BHP (PETROL)	GF57HLE	OCTOBER '07	24120	DYNAMIC BLUE	£5,990.00
FABIA LEVEL 2 5DR HATCH	1.2 12v 70 BHP (PETROL)	GL08XRG	JUNE '08	16770	CORRIDA RED	£8,490.00
FABIA LEVEL 2 5DR HATCH	1.6 16v AUTO (PETROL)	GL09ARZ	JUNE '09	TBA	ARCTIC GREEN	£9,290.00
FABIA LEVEL 2 5DR HATCH	1.4 TDi 80 BHP (DIESEL)	GD07CDX	JULY '07	12469	FLAMENCO RED	£7,490.00
FABIA LEVEL 3 5DR HATCH	1.4 16v 85 BHP (PETROL)	GL07CFG	JUNE '07		SATIN GREY	£8,290.00
FABIA LEVEL 3 5DR HATCH	1.6 16v 105 BHP (PETROL)	GL07TVM	JULY '07	26224	BLACK MAGIC	£6,990.00
FABIA LEVEL 2 5DR ESTATE	1.2 12v 70 BHP (PETROL)	GK10YJF	MARCH '10	TBA	ROSSO BRUNELLO	£9,490.00
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FABIA CLASSIC 5DR ESTATE	1.4 MPi 68 BHP (PETROL)	GK52JZD	JANUARY '03	55173	DIAMOND SILVER	£3,490.00
FABIA CLASSIC 5DR ESTATE	1.9 SDi 68 BHP (DIESEL)	EO52OBH	NOVEMBER '02	65769	NATURE GREEN	£3,990.00
FABIA BOHEMIA ESTATE	1.4 TDi 80 BHP (DIESEL)	GK56VDO	SEPTEMBER '06	17891	DIAMOND SILVER	£6,490.00
FABIA GREENLINE ESTATE	1.4 TDi 80 BHP (DIESEL)	GJ09NLO	MARCH '09	16799	BRILLIANT SILVER	£10,990.00

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MODEL	ENGINE	REG	YEAR	MILES	COLOUR	PRICE
ROOMSTER LEVEL 2 5DR MPV	1.9 TDi 105 BHP (DIESEL)	GL56XJZ	FEBRUARY '07	60187	FLAMENCO RED	£6,990.00
ROOMSTER SE 5DR MPV	1.6 16v AUTO (PETROL)	GJ59RXA	SEPTEMBER '09		STORM BLUE	£10,490.00
ROOMSTER SE 5DR MPV	1.9 TDi 105 BHP (DIESEL)	GK10YJB	MARCH '10	TBA	STEEL GREY	£11,490.00

Octavia

MODEL	ENGINE	REG	YEAR	MILES	COLOUR	PRICE
OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 5DR HATCH	1.6 FSi 105 BHP (PETROL)	GF54YBZ	NOVEMBER '04	36963	NATURE GREEN	£5,490.00
OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 5DR HATCH	1.9 TDi 90 BHP (DIESEL)	FD53TZK	JANUARY '04		DIAMOND SILVER	£3,490.00
OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 5DR HATCH	1.9 TDi 105 BHP (DIESEL)	GD07LNP	AUGUST '07	14114	ISLAND GREEN	£8,490.00
OCTAVIA SE 5DR HATCH	1.9 TDi DSG (DIESEL)	GK59ZKD	SEPTEMBER '09	TBA	AQUA BLUE	£12,990.00
OCTAVIA ELEGANCE 5DR HATCH	2.0 FSi 150 BHP (PETROL)	GK56VEH	SEPTEMBER '06	41095	CAPPUCCINO BEIGE	£7,490.00
OCTAVIA ELEGANCE 5DR HATCH	1.9 TDi 105 BHP (DIESEL)	GF07JZW	MAY '07	41024	ISLAND GREEN	£9,690.00
OCTAVIA SPORT 5DR HATCH	2.0 TDi DSG (DIESEL)	GK56VDC	SEPTEMBER '06	23499	CORRIDA RED	£10,490.00
OCTAVIA VRS 5DR HATCH	2.0 FSi 200 BHP (PETROL)	GL08MWV	JUNE '08		BRILLIANT SILVER	£12,490.00

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Motability

by STEVELOADER

Mitsubishi's stealth attack on Qashqai

NISSAN may have named its Qashqai after a nomadic Asian tribe, but it's suddenly getting a bit crowded in the crossover sector it created.

It underlines how the carmaker hit the spot with UK buyers by offering a mix of high-riding SUV and MPV-style, while also targeting owners of conventional family hatchbacks who might never have considered such a car before.

So the Qashqai – an enormous success for the Japanese marque's UK plant at Sunderland – was quickly followed by the Peugeot 3008, Skoda Yeti, Hyundai ix35 and now, the striking Mitsubishi ASX.

With Mitsubishi's distinctive 'jet fighter' nose, the ASX is probably the Qashqai's biggest threat on the style front, though it has crept up on the market with little or no advance publicity ahead of its launch this week.

It promises to deliver the same compact SUV (sports utility vehicle/mini-people carrier/family hatchback and estate formula) targeted by the Nissan.

Mitsubishi's UK managing director Lance Bradley called the ASX a potential new brand "hero", which I reckon is better than being known for the legendary, but small volume Mitsi EVO road-going rally cars.

He added: "This is the right car, at the right time, at the right price and specification. The CO2 reducing technologies will appeal to fleets, user-choosers and retail customers alike – indeed, early customer reaction has been very positive with advance orders already taken.

"We're targeting customers who would traditionally buy a C-segment car, such as the VW Golf and Ford Focus, but also people looking to downsize from their SUV or family estate car.

"With the ASX you really do get the best of every world."

The car's labelling comes from Active Sports



X-over (crossover) and it is competively priced from £14,999 to £22,049.

Like its rivals, the ASX will sell largely in front-wheel drive format, though a 4x4 system is offered on the 147bhp 1.8 DiD diesel version.

The 115bhp1.6-litre petrol alternative is tipped to be the best-seller though, with a 55 per cent slice of the cake. Pulling power looks a bit lightweight on paper, but it will undercut its diesel sister by about £2,000 – a powerful attraction in cash-strapped Britain.

Despite butch SUV-inspired styling, the ASX definitely does not fit the mould; the newcomer features all the low-emission/higher economy habits buyers now require and uses Mitsubishi's automatic Stop and Go system to be greener in town traffic, electric power steering, low rolling resistance tyres, regenerative brakes, low viscosity oil, LED lighting and various weight reduction measures.

Other standard equipment is generous, comprising alloys, air con, stability and traction control, keyless entry and tilt and telescopic steering column.

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Peugeot's family friend

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ROAD TRIP: Peugeot's 5008 proved the perfect workhorse for Linsday Roberts and her family during their annual holiday to Wales this year

OUR family's annual holiday to Wales is a big deal.

The kids start the countdown on the kitchen notice board weeks before and this year was no exception, but for one detail – just as the board read 'Two days to Whales' (sic) my Ford C-Max gave up the ghost.

Faced with cramming two adults, two children, two large dogs and associated paraphernalia into my husband's little Peugeot 206 – a bid for the Guinness Book of Records perhaps? – there were tough decisions to be made.

We could leave the dogs behind with a friend, but the kids were insistent: "This is the dogs' holiday and it won't be the same without them."

We could leave the kids behind but, strangely, the same friend wasn't so keen to take them.

Things looked grim, until Peugeot came to the rescue and delivered a new 5008 to test drive for the week.

Launched in January, the 5008 MPV or people carrier seemed perfect for the job.

With three rows of flexible seating it can comfortably accommodate seven, although a large adult might not want to travel too far in the rearmost seats. But with the back row and one second row seat folded flat, there was easily enough room for dogs, kids and bags.

Our car was the flagship Exclusive 1.6-litre diesel HDi 110, packed with all those gadgets I've managed without for so long.

The Video Pack (£510), for instance, features DVD screens on the rear of the front headrests, with individual settings so the kids could watch different films – and we didn't have to hear either of them thanks to wireless Bluetooth headphones.

Great storage comes as standard, turning the 5008 into a Tardis with plenty of places to stow long journey essentials such as Nintendos, books, magazines and snacks – if still bored, you can try to remember where you put everything.

The glove compartment isn't huge, but is compensated by a cavernous air-cooled centre console and second glovebox behind the steering wheel.

Hit by intermittent showers as we tackled the M4, the Visibility Pack (£510) came into its own – automatic headlights and windscreen wipers switched on and off as necessary – and the panoramic glass roof was a bonus when the sun came out. Peugeot Connect Navigation costs £715 extra, but is money well spent; we were warned of slow-moving, queuing traffic or congestion with pin-point accuracy. You can't do much about it on the M4, but at least the 5008 let us sink into leather seats to tolerate it in comfort.

The Exclusive also comes with head-up display so you can watch your speed without taking your eyes off the road. And as we left the main road for the farm track to our cottage



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The official fuel consumption figures in mpg (l/100km) and CO_2 emissions (g/km) for the 5008 range are: Urban 45.6 - 28.5, Extra Urban 62.8 - 48.7, Combined 48.7 - 38.7, CO_2 172 - 169 (g/km).
In Seat Entertainment available as cost option. Model shown is 5008 Exclusive, available from £21,145. *Prices quoted are on the road and include delivery to dealership, number plates, 12 months' Government Vehicle Excise Duty, £55.00 Government First Registration Fee and apply to the new 5008. (PSUG35032)



and the altitude meter – yes, there's one of those too – started to climb, the 5008 took the ascent and hairpin bends in its stride.

Despite its size, the car's handling and steering lock is impressive and when we did meet an oncoming car, reversing was a piece of cake, with the rear view visual display's green, red and amber lights indicating the proximity of any unforgiving dry stone walls behind.

Hill starts were a doddle too, thanks to the automatic electric handbrake.

The 5008 drew many admiring glances. The raked back headlights – typical Peugeot – and contoured bonnet sweep almost seamlessly into the windscreen and roof.

But it's not just a pretty face. Safety is paramount for a family car and the 5008 scores here too, with a maximum five-star Euro NCAP rating. Six airbags come as standard, and include rear curtain airbags for the third row of seats – a first for MPVs.

It's hard to fault the 5008.

I'd say the driving position, although comfortable, can be slightly cramped if both driver and front passenger use the armrests.

And those gadgets I've managed so long without? I'd have been lost without them.

DrivingPortfolio

PEUGEOT 5008 EXCLUSIVE HDI 110 £22,095

Driving appeal	★★★★
Image	★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★
Running costs	★★★★
Reliability	★★★★
How green?	★★★★
Road tax	£120/year
Best rival	Ford S-Max

TheVerdict

DON'T LIKE:
…much. It would be nit-picking really about the small glove compartment

NOT SURE:
I could really justify paying extra for all the gadgets – even if I was tempted

REALLY LIKE:
the level of luxury on the 5008 – the holiday started as soon as we climbed aboard

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PT CRUISER, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cruise control electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power steering remote central locking, silver, 36236 miles, £5000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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VOYAGER, LTD AUTO, 2004, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking cruise control drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights half leather trim heated seats immobiliser power steering trip computer remote central locking, silver, 73000 miles, £6500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

VOYAGER, LTD AUTO, 2004, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking cruise control drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights half leather trim heated seats immobiliser power steering trip computer remote central locking, silver, 73000 miles, £6500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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BERLINGO, 1.6 HDI 600LX With Side Loading Door, km57uhh. remote central locking, cloth upholstery, ply-lined, side load door, adjustable steering column, power steering, abs, air bag, electric mirrors, electric windows, cd player, radio, white, 38000 miles, £4495, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

BERLINGO, 625 LX HDi Refrigerated Chiller Freezer, dual passenger seat, side load door, cd player, abs, air bag, electric windows, electric mirrors, power steering, remote central locking, immobiliser. electric stanby. over fifty fridge vans in stock, white, 12000 miles, £9995, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

BERLINGO, LX 600 D Refrigerated Chiller With Standby, cd player, electric windows, power steering, remote central locking, abs, air bag, electric mirrors, grp lined. gah fridge. electric standby. over fifty fridge vans in stock, white, 25000 miles, £6495, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

BERLINGO, Jiffy Truck Hot & Cold Catering Truck, fe51dyw, jiffy hot & cold snack van. large hot display. large cold display. handwash. white, 49000 miles, £5595, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

BERLINGO, 600 LX 1.6HDI With Side Loading Door, kr07xlw. remote alarm, cloth upholstery, side load door, barn doors, ply-lined, adjustable steering column, abs, air bag, power steering, electric mirrors, electric windows, cd player, radio, white, 39000 miles, £4000, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

BERLINGO, Multispace Forte 16v, kn05 jww, power steering, central locking, abs, radio cassette, twin air bags, adjustable steering column, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, cloth upholstery, blue, 14000 miles, £4995, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

C1, Rhythm, 2006, abs brakes cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering, red, 22059 miles, £5000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

C1, Vibe, 2008, abs brakes cd player electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering remote central locking, red metallic, 14500 miles, £5500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

C1, 1.4, 2008, silver, 50 miles, £10990, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

C1, 1.4, 2008, black, 50 miles, £10980, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

C1, 1.4, 2008, red, 55 miles, £11100, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

C1, 1.4, 2008, grey, 6978 miles, £11200, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

C1, 1.4, 2008, cd player central locking electric windows, red, 50 miles, £11000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

C2, 16v, 2008, alarm fitted central locking drivers airbag, gold, 55 miles, £12500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

C2, 1.6, 2008, red, 50 miles, £12000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

C2, 1.6, 2008, black, 50 miles, £12000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

C2, 1.6, 2008, gold, 55 miles, £12000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

C3, 5, gj08uan, remote central locking front electric windows electric mirrors abs climate control power steering drivers airbag passenger airbag fsh, red, 10000 miles, £9495, Ashford, 01233 640100 (TRADE)

C3, 5, gf56eru, franchise approved remote central locking front electric windows abs air conditioning power steering drivers airbag passenger airbag side airbags immobiliser, blue, 25313 miles, £6295, Folkestone, 01303 245 588 (TRADE)

C4, 16v, 2008, blue, 55 miles, £20600, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

C4, 16v, 2008, red, 55 miles, £20500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

C4, 16v, 2008, black, 50 miles, £20500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

C4, 16v, 2008, black, 55 miles, £20480, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

C5, 16v, 2008, abs brakes cd player central locking electric windows power fold mirrors multiple airbags, silver, 2600 miles, £23000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

C5, 1.6, 2008, red, 50 miles, £23000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

C5, 1.6, 2008, blue, 50 miles, £23000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

C5, 1.6, 2008, grey, 50 miles, £23000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

C5, 1.6, 2008, red, 50 miles, £23000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

C5, 1.6, 2008, green, 50 miles, £23000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

GRAND C4 PICASSo, 2007, abs brakes cd player central locking diesel drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser power steering split folding rear seats trip computer, grey, 7000 miles, £10500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

GRAND C4 PICASSO, 2007, abs brakes cd player central locking diesel drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser power steering split folding rear seats trip computer, grey, 7000 miles, £10500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

NEMO, 610 LX 1.4HDI With Side Loading Door, gp08kpy. remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, abs, air bag, electric windows, cd player, radio, adjustable steering column, barn doors, side load door, ply-lined, white, 49000 miles, £5000, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

PICASSO, Picasso HDI, 2002, abs brakes central locking diesel electric windows power steering, blue, 80000 miles, £2995, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

PICASSO, DESIRE, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser power steering remote central locking, bronze, 19000 miles, £7000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

PICASSO, lx, 2004, abs brakes cd player central locking electric windows immobiliser power steering remote central locking, green, 55000 miles, £3700, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

XSARA PICASSO, 04, 2 ltr diesel, economical drive. only one previous owner.road tax till march 2011. mot till september.full service history. cd player. air con. front and rear fog lights.loads of space. beige, 98000 miles, £3250, John White, Folkestone, 01303 863819 (PRIVATE)

XSARA PICASSO, vk07gxd, pas, abs, remote central locking, front electric windows, front fog lights, alloy wheels, radio/cd, trip computer, cruise control, side airbags, electricdoor mirrors, steering wheel rake adjustment, drivers airbag, reverse parking aid, lumbar support, full size spare wheel, immobiliser, service indicator, isofix child seat anchor points, audio remote control, folding rear seats, 3x3 point rear seat belts, height adjustable drivers seat, cloth seat trim, front armrest, rear wiper, front head restraints, body coloured bumpers, blue, 20055 miles, £6995, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

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500, 1.4 Lounge 3dr, 2008, air con alarm fitted cd player central locking electric windows power steering, white, 39900 miles, £8250, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

500, 16v, 2008, blue, 55 miles, £14100, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

500, 16v, 2008, red, 55 miles, £14100, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

500, 16v, 2008, cd player drivers airbag, red, 55 miles, £14000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

500, 16v, 2008, black, 7811 miles, £14000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

500, 16v, 2008, cd player drivers airbag, red, 261 miles, £14000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

BRAVO, 1.9, 2008, cd player drivers airbag, black, 256 miles, £14000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

BRAVO, 1.9, 2008, red, 7812 miles, £14000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

BRAVO, 1.9, 2008, black, 762 miles, £14000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

BRAVO, 1.9, 2008, cd player drivers airbag, black, 50 miles, £16100, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

BRAVO, 1.9, 2008, blue, 55 miles, £16100, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

BRAVO, 1.9, 2008, blue, 55 miles, £16100, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

BRAVO, Dynamic, 2010, abs brakes bluetooth car kit cd player climate control electric windows power steering, blue, 3085 miles, £13995, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

BRAVO, 1.4 ACTIVE, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning cd player electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering split folding rear seats tonneau cover front passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking, epic grey, 17830 miles, £7000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

DOBLO, Dynamic, 2010, abs brakes air conditioning electric windows immobiliser mp3 player multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking, various, 6 miles, £10800, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

DOBLO, Multijet Dynamic, 2010, abs brakes air conditioning diesel electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking twin sliding doors, various, 6 miles, £13500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

DOBLO, Multijet Dynamic, 2010, abs brakes air conditioning diesel electric windows immobiliser mp3 player multiple airbags trip computer remote central locking twin sliding doors, various, 6 miles, £13000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

DUCATO, 2.2 (30) SWB 100, 2009, abs brakes cd player diesel electric windows immobiliser power steering side load door remote central locking, white, 10000 miles, £10000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

DUCATO, Multijet, 2009, white, 20000 miles, £11500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

DUCATO, 2.2 (30) SWB 100, 2008, abs brakes cd player diesel electric windows immobiliser metallic paint power steering side load door remote central locking, silver, 45000 miles, £7000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2007, abs brakes bluetooth car kit cd player electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, black metallic, 38000 miles, £4750, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2008, alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser power steering, black, 15000 miles, £6000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2009, abs brakes bluetooth car kit cd player electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, blue metallic, 10000 miles, £7000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2007, cd player central locking electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering, grey, 8321 miles, £6000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2009, grey over 4000 cars in group stock, 50 miles, £8000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

IDEA, 1.4, 2008, red, 55 miles, £8000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

IDEA, 1.4, 2008, black, 55 miles, £8000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

IDEA, 1.4, 2008, abs brakes cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser metallic paint, blue, 55 miles, £8000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

MULTIPLA, 1.9, 2008, cd player drivers airbag, blue, 255 miles, £19600, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

MULTIPLA, 1.9, 2008, red, 872 miles, £19500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

MULTIPLA, 1.9, 2008, black, 7667 miles, £19500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

MULTIPLA, 1.9, 2008, cd player drivers airbag, blue, 55 miles, £19700, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

MULTIPLA, 1.9, 2008, black, 54 miles, £19700, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

FORD

C-MAX, 5, nd58myn, insurance group 7 abs air conditioning alarm alloy wheels audio remote control body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking side airbags steering wheel rake adjustment steering wheel reach adjustment, sea grey, 14000 miles, £10000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

C-MAX, 5, ys57yfo, insurance group 7 abs air conditioning alarm alloy wheels audio remote control body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking side airbags steering wheel rake adjustment steering wheel reach adjustment 1 owner service history, aubergine, 27000 miles, £8000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 'New Shape' 1.25 Zetec, 2009, vision, 5800 miles, £10495, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.6 Ghia, 2007, ocean blue, 12400 miles, £7995, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 Zetec Climate, 2006, amethyst, 30400 miles, £6495, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

FIESTA, Zetec Blue 1.4 TDCi, 2008, moondust silver, 17000 miles, £8995, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.6 Ghia, 2005, panther black, 31169 miles, £5495, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4TDCi Style +, 2009, tango, 3400 miles, £10995, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 Titanium, 2009, hot magenta, 3500 miles, £12995, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

FOCUS, Zetec (Climate Pack), 2007, non standard colour, 33208 miles, £6451, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

FOCUS, TDCi Titanium, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering, non standard colour, 34423 miles, £12000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.8 ZETEC, 2003, silver, 62970 miles, £4000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

FOCUS, LX, 2001, air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering, silver, 50444 miles, £5000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

FOCUS, Ghia 5 Dr TDCi 136 PS Stage I, 2007, moondust silver metallic, 27181 miles, £15291, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

FOCUS, Zetec (115) (Climate Pack), 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering, blue, 44206 miles, £7000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

FOCUS C-MAX, 2008, black, 63 miles, £17000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

FOCUS C-MAX, 2008, red, 65 miles, £17000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

FOCUS C-MAX, 2009, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering quickclear windscreen remote audio controls, avalon, 15474 miles, £10000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

MONDEO, 115 Ghia (Euro 4), 2006, non standard colour, 46846 miles, £18997, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

MONDEO, LX, 2004, abs brakes air conditioning automatic transmission cd player cruise control diesel electric windows immobiliser metallic paint power steering split folding rear seats remote central locking, silver, 53000 miles, £5080, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

MONDEO, TDCi Zetec (140), 2009, metallic moondust silver, 7060 miles, £20173, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

MONDEO, TDCi Titanium X (163), 2009, non standard colour, 3350 miles, £18795, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

MONDEO, 2.0, 2008, abs brakes alarm fitted central locking electric windows front fog lights half leather trim heated seats multi cd player, silver, 10 miles, £26500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

HONDA

ACCORD, ESGT/NAVIPK/18INWHEELS, 2009, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control cruise control diesel drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history half leather trim immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors multiple airbags power steering satellite navigation twin airbags remote central locking, nighthawk black, 7000 miles, £18000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

ACCORD, 2.2ESGT NAVIPK 18IN WHEELS, 2009, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control cruise control diesel drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history half leather trim immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors multiple airbags power steering satellite navigation twin airbags remote central locking, nighthawk black, 7000 miles, £18000, Maidstone, 08448 759296 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 1.6i SE EXECUTIVE, 2001, abs brakes alloy wheels cd player central locking electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering, silver, 92991 miles, £3000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 2.2 CTDi ES, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player diesel electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering split folding rear seats tonneau cover trip computer remote control locking remote audio controls, red, 49121 miles, £10000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 1.4 VISION 5DR, 2002, abs brakes air conditioning cd player central locking electric windows full service history immobiliser, silver, 53500 miles, £4000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, SE, 2003, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player drivers airbag electric windows power steering remote central locking isofix child seat points, cosmic grey, 32000 miles, £3500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CR-V, Sport, 2006, 4x4 abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking climate control electric windows metallic paint power fold mirrors multiple airbags remote central locking, black, 39106 miles, £11000, Tunbridge Wells, 08448 759297 (TRADE)

full service history immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors multiple airbags power steering single cd player split folding rear seats trip computer twin airbags isofix child seat points blind spot monitor, silver, 11100 miles, £7000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

JAZZ, 1.4 i-DSi SE -7, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player electric windows immobiliser metallic paint power steering reverse parking aid remote central locking, green, 17849 miles, £7000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

JAZZ, 1.4SE AUTO, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors, sirius blue, 28000 miles, £8000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

JAZZ, 1.4SEAUTO, 2007, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors, black, 32426 miles, £8000, Maidstone, 08448 759296 (TRADE)

JAZZ, SE, 2009, air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power steering single cd player traction control trip computer curtain airbags remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, blue, 13700 miles, £10000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

JAZZ, 1.4 Sport, 2007, abs brakes alloy wheels climate control electric windows front fog lights full service history metallic paint power fold mirrors multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid remote central locking, silver, 12123 miles, £8500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

JAZZ, S 1.3, 2006, abs brakes cd player electric windows immobiliser metallic paint power steering tinted glass remote central locking, blue, 22000 miles, £6080, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

JAZZ, SE Sport 1.4, 2005, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player electric windows front fog lights full service history metallic paint multiple airbags power steering remote central locking remote audio controls, silver, 36000 miles, £6200, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

HYUNDAI

ACCENT, MVI, 2003, abs brakes alarm fitted cd player electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, silver metallic, 53000 miles, £2500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

ACCENT, MVI, 2003, abs brakes alarm fitted cd player electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, silver metallic, 53000 miles, £2500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

ACCENT, MVI, 2003, abs brakes alarm fitted cd player electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, silver metallic, 53000 miles, £2500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

GETZ, 1.4 GSi, 2007, air conditioning automatic transmission central locking, blue, 9963 miles, £7000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

GETZ, 1.4 CDX, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power steering tonneau cover remote central locking isofix child seat points, silver, 23201 miles, £6000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

IVECO

CARGO, Eurocargo Tector 75E17 Tilt/Slide & Spec Lift, hx04wec, cloth upholstery, dual passenger seat, adjustable steering column, power steering, abs, electric windows, cruise control, colour coded body, cd player, lastest version. euro 3. lez compliant. independent 2nd car spec lift. hyrodlic winch. congestion charge exempt. white, 100 miles, £19495, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

DAILY, 35S12 2.3hpi MWB Hi-Roof, bd57efj. remote central locking, cloth upholstery, bulkhead, side load door, barn doors, dual passenger seat, ply-lined, power steering, abs, air bag, cd player, radio, for more details please call our brands hatch branch on 01474 853034, white, 51000 miles, £7495, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

DAILY, 35S12 2.3hpi MWB Hi-Roof, bu08fws, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, bulkhead, side load door, barn doors, dual passenger seat, ply-lined, abs, air bag, power steering, cd player, radio, white, 36000 miles, £9000, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

DAILY, 50c14v Refrigerated Chiller, cu06cdy, side load door, high roof, dual passenger seat, air bag, abs, radio cassette, power steering, immobiliser, 5.0 tonne gvw. massive payload!. carrier equipment. electric standby. grp lined. over fifty fridge vans in stock. www.BHRV.co.uk, white, 60000 miles, £7995, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

JAGUAR

S-TYPE, SE, 2006, abs brakes alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking cruise control diesel drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser power steering trip computer remote central locking, blue, 90500 miles, £9500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

S-TYPE, 3.0 V6 SE, 2007, silver, 32298 miles, £15490, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

S-TYPE, 3.0se auto, 2001, blue metallic with beige leather, 74000 miles, £3850, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

X-TYPE, 2.2, 2008, black, 50 miles, £27600, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

X-TYPE, 2.2, 2008, red, 50 miles, £27650, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

X-TYPE, 2.2, 2008, silver, 50 miles, £27640, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

X-TYPE, V6 Sport, 2007, glacier blue, 31959 miles, £11000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

XF, 4.2, 2008, black, 50 miles, £45500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

XF, 4.2, 2008, green, 50 miles, £45400, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

XF, 4.2, 2008, silver, 50 miles, £45300, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

XJR, 4.2, 2008, silver, 50 miles, £50300, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

XJR, 4.2, 2008, red, 50 miles, £50200, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

KIA

CARENS, 2.0 TD Sr, 2008, abs brakes alarm fitted cd player central locking climate control drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser, red, 55 miles, £16200, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

CARENS, 2.0, 2008, black, 56 miles, £16100, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

CARENS, 2.0, 2008, black, 39 miles, £16000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

CARENS, 2.0, 2008, black, 44 miles, £16100, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

CARENS, 2.0 TD Sr, 2008, blue, 164 miles, £16000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

CEED, 2.0, 2008, abs brakes cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser, silver, 55 miles, £16750, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

CEED, 2.0, 2008, black, 55 miles, £16750, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

CEED, 2.0, 2008, red, 55 miles, £16750, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

CEED, 2.0, 2008, black, 55 miles, £16500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

PICANTO, LS 5dr Auto, fp57 xpe, air conditioning, electric windows, power steering, central locking, rear wash/wipe, air bag, radio cassette, cloth upholstery, green, 5900 miles, £5495, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

PICANTO, 1.1 LX, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning automatic transmission cd player electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power steering twin airbags remote central locking isofix child seat points, blue, 16989 miles, £5500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

PICANTO, Ice, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering split folding rear seats trip computer twin airbags remote central locking, metallic blue, 3200 miles, £6000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

PRO CEED, 3, lx09xso, insurance group 6 abs alarm alloy wheels audio remote control body coloured bumpers central locking climate control drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights half leather seats heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking side airbags steering wheel rake adjustment steering wheel reach adjustment trip computer, silver storm, 2000 miles, £12495, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

RIO, 5, lc58rgv, insurance group 4 abs air conditioning alloy wheels body coloured bumpers central locking drivers airbag folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd steering wheel rake adjustment, clear silver, 5178 miles, £8695, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

RIO, 5, kk57nze, insurance group 4 abs air conditioning body coloured bumpers central locking drivers airbag folding rear seats front electric windows height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd steering wheel rake adjustment, sapphire blue, 8000 miles, £7995, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

LOTUS

ELISE, 1.8 S, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player electric windows front fog lights metallic paint leather interior power steering sports seats tinted glass tonneau cover remote central locking, grey, 18247 miles, £17000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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KOS Media made the news itself last week with the company's acquisition by the Archant Regional media group.

It made the choice for this week's Big Interview fairly clear cut: KOS Media founder and MD Paul Stannard. Inside he talks about how he arrived in the media on the eve of big changes and has watched the pace accelerate over 30 years in the industry, with the promise of much more to come, but there are also top tips relevant to anyone starting a career or business.

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Pay scales of justice

FAR from being wary of the spotlight falling on pay scales at the top of the public sector, Kent County Council leader Cllr Paul Carter has welcomed it.

He believes it will widen the debate and lead to much-needed reform of employment law across both public and private sectors – particularly with the former being called to cull costly executive posts.

As things stand, he argues, there are not only serious and divisive anomalies in pay scales between sectors, but public shock at the pay-offs and settlements that employees can command.

He said no-one could argue that a complex organisation such as KCC – roughly equivalent in size to retailer John Lewis – must pay well to attract top managers.

But some officials command six-figure salaries, often in excess of £150,000, and Cllr Carter added: "What residents cannot accept is when an executive in the public sector leaves – either after a very short period or when something seems to have gone seriously wrong – only to walk away with a large payout, often at a level that would take an average person in Kent over a decade or more to earn.



CLLR PAUL CARTER

Frustration

"This was most recently seen when the High Court instructed Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust to pay their former chief executive, Rose Gibb, a £190,000 severance payout – despite 90 people dying of C diff."

He had received many comments on this and other cases, reflecting public anger: "I understand and share that frustration. I feel it myself, not only as leader of KCC, but also as a taxpayer and in my professional life as a director of my own company, paying business taxes to support the public sector."

But such cases could happen at present, he said, despite the most rigorous recruitment processes. "If the senior manager isn't competent or hasn't performed up to standard, the first option is to use the competency and performance framework to dismiss them," he said.

"However, complex rules govern this to ensure outcomes stand up to scrutiny in an employment tribunal or court. The process is protracted, bureaucratic and costly."

As a result, he said, the under-performing executive can all too often stay in post, being paid and damaging frontline services and employee morale.

Cllr Carter said: "It leaves an employer in the perverse position of having to make a compensation offer to end the contract early. The odds are heavily skewed in favour of the employee – and employment lawyers know this.

"Instead of protecting individual employees from ruthless employers, current employment law has empowered ruthless lawyers – and those who can afford them – to take full advantage of the system to claim for dismissal.

"We need to rebalance employment law in the UK so it continues to protect individual employees, but is fair to employers and to the taxpayers who fund public services."

He aims to lobby the new coalition Government for a rethink ahead of its autumn spending review, so a cash-strapped public sector is not restricted by employment law adding unnecessary and unjustified costs.

He wants a three-pronged approach:

- Rules governing dismissal of highly-paid people on competency and performance grounds need to be changed to make it faster and easier, while limiting the liability on the public sector employer and ultimately the taxpayer.
- Reversal of legal changes in 1999 and 2002, which removed the established employer's option to waive a senior employee's right to claim unfair dismissal simply on expiry of their employment contract.
- Power to insert fixed or annual break clauses allowing an employer to end a fixed-term contract early, without it being classed as dismissal.

Cllr Carter added that the real issue on high pay scales – notably in the public sector, but also in other sectors such as banking – was: "The comparatively low level of personal risk senior executives are required to hold for their high salary, because employment law places the majority of risk on the employer and too little on the individual employee."

• For Cllr Carter's full article, 'Employers too often caught between a rock and an even harder rock', go to the blogs section at www.businessforkent.co.uk.

Airport plans face public scrutiny

PLANS for a runway extension and new terminal building at Lydd Airport have been called in by the coalition Government for a public inquiry, *writes James Alexandre***.**

It follows months of speculation after Shepway council's controversial decision in March, when councillors voted 27-12 in favour of the £25 million scheme, overriding advice from their own officers and the Government conservation body, Natural England.

Airport operators say their scheme could create up to 500 jobs and spokeswoman Jo Oliver was "deeply disappointed" it would go to inquiry and delay investment, though she was confident the airport could ultimately secure the go-ahead.

This latest twist, though, is a triumph for protesters. Louise Barton, of Lydd Airport Action Group, said: "There is no case for a second regional airport in Kent. The location is inappropriate.

"Lydd is surrounded by unique natural habitats, is under a main bird migration route and is less than three miles from the Dungeness nuclear power plant."

RSPB regional director Chris Corrigan said: "Dungeness is one of our most important and sensitive wildlife habitats.

"When combined with considerable local opposition and the increasingly significant impacts on climate change, it seems only right that the airport expansion plans are given the fullest and most rigorous examination.



GROUNDED: Lydd Airport's controversial expansion plans have been called in for a public inquiry

"We believe that there is considerable potential to promote the natural environment and attract more people to the area as visitors and tourists.

"The RSPB is keen to work with others across Romney Marsh and Dungeness to make the most of that potential."

Shepway's Liberal Democrat group leader, Cllr Lynne Beaumont, voted against the plans and was delighted an inquiry would be held.

"The whole situation will now be scrutinised and a decision made based on the facts, not on political will.

"Shepway employed experts to give councillors advice. This was ignored and almost £90,000 wasted."

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Comment

BRITAIN'S ability to reward failure handsomely was highlighted by England's dismal exit from the World Cup.

The knock-out contrasted sharply with pre-tournament hype bearing more than a passing resemblance to the 'national treasure' and 'blue chip' nonsense we used to hear about our great financial institutions before they too were knocked out, albeit with precious few personal penalties.

Yup, like the multi-millionaire manager and players of the England team, the fat cats of the City seem to be sharing very little of the pain of the man on the street or indeed, hard-working entrepreneurial businessmen and women.

And it highlights a malaise brought to the fore this week by KCC leader Paul Carter, a man whose rather languid style disguises an ability to spotlight what really upsets the Kent business community (see Business Week front page and article in full in the blogs section at www.businessforkent.co.uk).

This time he identified employment law that has swung too far in favour of senior staff, making it hard to fire them for poor performance and leaving employers with two unsatisfactory alternatives: either leave them in place – compounding errors and undermining staff morale – or drawing up a severance deal that will hopefully be less costly than being dragged through an industrial tribunal or the courts and possibly still being made to pay up.

Of course, Cllr Carter has one eye on a looming disaster for his own council as the coalition's public sector cuts begin to carve into the upper echelons of council hierarchies that exploded under the previous Government.

There could be some very expensive 'golden goodbyes' under current legislation. No wonder Cllr Carter will almost beg the coalition to review employment law at the same time as it builds up to the autumn spending review, which some reckon will make last week's Budget look like a picnic.

The new Government might already have a handle on the problem though, after imposing a two-year pay freeze, much to the annoyance of public sector employees – seemingly oblivious to the fact that most private sector colleagues may experience real cuts on top of a freeze and might have already seen their pay frozen or cut over the past two years.

The two years gives the Government plenty of time to pass legislation to curtail severances and should also contrast sharply with the way Labour – hamstrung ideologically and by union pressure – might have handled unavoidable public sector cuts.

STEVE LOADER, BUSINESS EDITOR



CHAMPION: John Telfer (right) presents the plaque to council chairman Keith Loney

THE highest Investors in People status has been achieved by Sevenoaks District Council. The authority, which employs 430, reached Champion level in the national awards scheme, which identifies it as a role model that 'cares for and communicates' with its workforce.

Council chiefs enrolled in IiP in 1997. Leader Cllr Peter Fleming said: "Involvement and full engagement with staff is crucial and we try to ensure all policies and procedures are transparent and understood by all.

"The council has a no-blame culture where everyone is empowered to carry out their roles with trust and support from managers. IiP has to be embedded in an organisation in order for it to work."

John Telfer, joint MD of Inspiring Business Performance, the Investors in People centre for Kent, said: "It's clear Sevenoaks council staff are proud of their achievement – and so they should be.

"During these challenging times for the public sector, organisations which communicate effectively with their staff will be better placed to manage change and innovation."

Charlie's farming world

EVEN if some people have yet to wake up to the growth potential in farming, schoolboy Charlie Ladbury is well aware, ***writes Pat Crawford*** of Hadlow College.

Charlie, 16, a pupil at a Homewood School in Tenterden, already has an IT-related A-level and is taking 12 GCSEs, but also mapping out a career in agriculture.

He is about to complete one farming-related qualification arranged through the farm manager at his school, in conjunction with Hadlow College, and will shortly sign an apprenticeship and start another qualification stage.

"Farming is all I have ever wanted to do," said Charlie. "The apprenticeship is an opportunity to experience all sides of farming."

He wants to learn as much as possible about different types of farming "and then decide where to specialise".

Charlie is at a school with a flourishing farm and his parents have encouraged and supported him.

Hadlow finance director Mark Lumsdon-Taylor said: "Charlie is a role model. He is enthusiastic, committed and totally focused, but he also perceives the advantage of keeping his options open about what type of farming in which to make a career.

"The apprenticeship method has many advantages and I hope more young people explore it as a training option."



IN CONTROL: Charlie Ladbury sees a future in farming

Hadlow, one of the UK's leading land-based colleges, has seen applications soar for courses in agriculture at both further and higher education levels.

Mr Lumsdon-Taylor said: "A lot of young people want a career which affords opportunities to make real differences. More and more of them perceive the farming industry – and support services such as research, agronomy and marketing – as offering these opportunities. This is reassuring at a time when food productionis rising higher on the world agenda."

Current predictions show a 50 per cent rise in global population within less than 40 years, raising the threat of famine – and not just in developing nations.

Governments are urging farmers to produce more food, but there is a shortage of people with the right skills.

Many UK farmers depend on migrant labour and not just for seasonal picking and other relatively unskilled jobs once sought after by students and other casual staff.

Some 'agri-workers' entering the country are highly qualified and taking on management and other senior positions that farmers cannot find Britons to fill – while UK unemployment is high, skill shortages in some rural sector industries are increasing.



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Julie Maddocks interviews Southern Segway boss Nick Thurston about the futuristic personal transport device that is still bidding to ride free of UK legislation

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BELVOIR Lettings in Tunbridge Wells was voted Best Lettings Agency Franchise in the annual Lettings Agency of the Year Awards.

The Camden Road-based company's operational director Dorian Gonsalves accepted the national honour from comedienne Ruby Wax.

Belvoir chief executive Mike Goddard said: "I'm hugely proud of what Belvoir has achieved. Gaining this kind of recognition is great for the business and will provide a boost for the 140-plus network of franchisees which operate the Belvoir brand throughout the entire country.

"We always strive to meet the highest of standards and winning this award proves that we are reaching our goals."

FOURTEEN workers were killed at work in the South East between April 1, 2009, and March 31, 2010, according to new figures from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

This compares with an average of 23 work-related deaths in the past five years in the region, and 14 fatal injures in 2008-09.

HSE regional spokesman Geoff Baker said: "While it's heartening to see the number of work-related deaths in the South East is still significantly lower than the five-year average, it's simply not good enough that 14 people failed to come home from work to their families last year.

"Many of these unnecessary deaths could have been avoided if simple and sensible precautions had been in place, and if workers had been involved in dealing with the risks they face."

HSE chairwoman Judith Hackitt said: "No doubt the recession has resulted in lower levels of activity in some sectors, and a decrease in the numbers of inexperienced recruits has also contributed to this fall in fatalities.

"As with all health and safety statistics, this announcement is a combination of encouraging news about improvement but also a salutary reminder of the tragedies of lives lost at work."

SALES of used cars across the South East fell 6.2 per cent in the first quarter of this year against Q1 last year.

However, the 4x4 sector – which had been hit previously by a consumer backlash against so-called 'gas guzzlers' – bucked the trend with a 7.7 per cent increase, led by models such as the Land Rover Discovery and BMW X5.

Data on this key economic indicator comes from information company Experian, where auto industry spokesman Mark Wilkinson said: "Despite the VAT increase being delayed until January, next year, challenges will continue to face the industry for the foreseeable future.

"Retailers are likely to be reviewing stock profile more than ever. This means they will be looking to maximise profitability from the stock available and that managing risk and avoiding vehicles with a chequered history will become a top priority."

ATMOSPHERE generated by the now infamous 'horns of Africa' at the football World Cup has a connection with Ashford-based BP Travel Marketing Services, part of the Orbital Marketing Services Group.

The company was asked by the South African Tourist Board to handle distribution of more than 1,000 of the noisy horns, known as vuvuzelas, to UK schools working on projects about South Africa.

Back to the garden

By **STEVE LOADER**
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CONSUMERS are spending more time and money in and on their gardens, despite talk of belt-tightening.

That is the view from upmarket garden centre Chilstone at Langton Green, near Tunbridge Wells, which quotes a 30 per cent surge in garden ornament sales over the past year and a 40 per cent rise in estimates for bespoke garden projects.

The biggest boom is in quality garden buildings, where Chilstone partner Cat and Mouse Landscapes is celebrating its first anniversary at the site by running an open weekend this weekend.

Cat and Mouse proprietor and former graphic artist David Granger has established his company as the country's leading agency for Scotts of Thrapston prestige summer houses.

Scotts was so impressed with David's work at Chilstone that the firm used photographs of his displays to illustrate its 2010 catalogue.

"I used to make bespoke summer houses from scratch for clients," said David. "But I can't match the price to the quality of these buildings from Scotts, which can be adapted to people's wishes anyway.

"It leaves me free, with my illustrator's background, to visualise and design people's ideas and dreams for their garden. I do the whole package including plumbers, electricians and even a wood-burning stove.

"It is amazing what people want, from a bolt hole or study to kids' den, and from folly to homework hideaway, where the children can revise free from distractions."

He said the open weekend would not only promote his company and Scotts' through special deals, but also display pictures and case studies to inspire customers' imaginations.



SITTING PRETTY: Spending on garden projects has rocketed despite the downturn

Chilstone general manager Steve Clark echoed the boom story: "People aren't moving, but recognise how investment in 'outdoor space' improves quality of life while they stay and adds value and a 'wow' factor to their property for when they do decide to move."

He added it was not unusual for Chilstone customers to spend £10,000 at a time.

Chilstone uses the 'wow factor' approach itself, by avoiding the compartmentalised display style of garden centre chains and opting for individual gardens within gardens, which encourages people to stroll around the 35-acre site, relaxing and drawing ideas from displays.

Steve said: "We concentrate on the top end of the market and that means not just quality products, but a bespoke service – people want ideas and good customer service."

He said Chilstone had also taken an unusual line on marketing. It was already known nationally, but recognised that it had not been targeting well-heeled customers in its own immediate area of west Kent as well as it should.

And it has also 'micro-marketed' successfully and cost-effectively by selecting upmarket areas such as the Channel Islands and top drawer events like Royal Ascot.

Riding out the storm

BUDGET day was also a big day for Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce, which staged its 24th annual exhibition.

Cllr Kevin Lines, KCC's cabinet member for regeneration and economic development, told delegates at Ashford International Hotel that the spending cuts listed by Chancellor George Osborne's debut Budget hinted at tough times to come, but pledged steps to counter the worst.

And the quality of the exhibition's 120 stands and the enthusiastic networking suggested that Kent businesses and entrepreneurs have less to fear than most.

The event was opened by Mayor of Ashford Cllr Alan Wells and alongside the main exhibition were free workshops themed on measures that can alleviate the economic crisis, and free business advice clinics from the chamber.

The Best Stand in the Show award – after long deliberation by chamber chief executive Jo James and construction group sponsors GSE – went to Wealden Business Group for a massive display of balloons, with some burst regularly to emphasise the slogan 'Make business go with a bang'.

Ms James said: "I'm immensely proud of the way local businesses supported our exhibition.

"It takes a lot of organisation and the whole environment of the event was ample reward for the effort put in by chamber staff, the hotel, sponsors and supporters. Yes, we are in for a hard time, but this was a significant display of how our business community has adapted to the climate and will continue to do so. Business and commerce is the engine room of this country's economy.

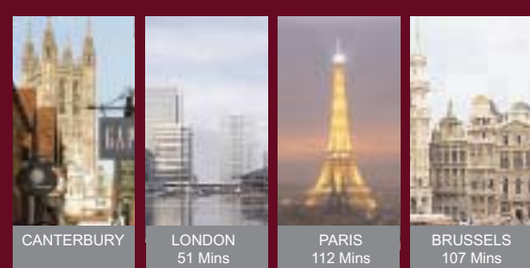
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ALL MOD CONS: Mayor Alan Wells tries an electric scooter after opening the exhibition

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MONDAY – Still struggling to reconcile myself with England’s woeful performance against Germany.

I’ve little doubt that if we’d lifted the World Cup our national spirit would have been revived and last week’s emergency Budget might have been quickly forgotten.

The team here quickly picked themselves up, though, looking at how busy the diaries are this week – including mine. Afternoon spent discussing feedback from customers on the Budget. Verdict: business-friendly, but the 25 per cent cut in public sector budgets is a worry.

TUESDAY – Our Investing for Growth (IfG) initiative has been well received. Met with two prospective customers – one a manufacturer, the other a professional practice – and both ambitious to grow, but looking for a true partner.

Afternoon spent with our local agribusiness at a well-established Kent fruit grower discussing expansion plans.

WEDNESDAY – A day spent in our Tunbridge Wells office. Met some of the town’s leading lawyers and accountants over lunch to outline the IfG products and show we really are ‘open for business’.

Spent afternoon with potential customer, a seafood wholesaler. Good discussions about international trade.

Ended the day with another firm which has struck a good international deal – we helped with those all-important Letters of Credit. Kent should really be doing more international trade and making the most of the likes of the Port of Dover and Eurotunnel.

Early evening at Clydesdale Bank Golf Challenge at Nevill Golf Club, raising money for the Hospice in the Weald.

THURSDAY – At our Maidstone Financial Solutions Centre to discuss a series of events we are hosting as part of the Members’ Network, where we try to connect our customers with each other.

Spent evening at The Ultimate Ashes, a Freddie Flintoff dinner in London with customers and the bank’s other sporting ambassadors, including Alec Stewart and Paul Collingwood. It’s amazing how success breeds success – a lesson for all of us.

FRIDAY – Despite late night, in early and visiting small companies. The message is – we have faith in Kent and Kent can have faith in us.

Teleconference with the other managing partners across the South East and London ends the week on a high for the Kent team and all their hard work.

Met other local small businesses at networking event before getting home to the family and a weekend of World Cup football.

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Media man Paul still hooked after years of change

KOS Media made its own business news last week – acquisition by prominent regional newspaper group Archant. Chief executive at Archant, Adrian Jeakings, said he wanted to preserve the Kent group’s innovative style, which has landed more than 10 national media awards since it launched with Kent on Sunday in September, 2002.

KOS Media’s growth into a stable of newspapers, magazines and websites was overseen by founder and MD Paul Stannard, who owns up to being consumed by the ever-widening potential of the media. Business editor STEVE LOADER managed to keep him in one place long enough for a rare interview.

KOS media BUSINESS WEEK THE BIG INTERVIEW

BORN into a family which “had newspapers in the blood”, KOS Media boss Paul Stannard counts himself lucky to have seen so much change in the industry.

As a fresh-faced youth who knocked on the doors of the Daily Mail and asked for a job, he witnessed the death-throes of old-style ‘hot metal’ print technology and print union power and, recently, he has been part of the march of IT and the internet.

Paul’s father and uncle worked for Fleet Street papers: “My father, Bill, is a newspaper man through and through and I was keen to follow.”

Born in east London, but educated in Thanet, Paul left college at 17 and joined the launch of an independent newspaper in Canterbury – the Leader.

Soon afterwards he was at the Daily Mail to witness the launch of the Mail on Sunday –then the biggest newspaper event seen in 25 years.

“Having experienced two newspaper launches in a short space of time, I was hooked and fancied doing this myself one day. I had also been lucky. When I called at the Daily Mail, I was told I had to be in a union. I asked my uncle how I should go about that and he sent me down to south London the same day to get a letter from the Father of the Chapel.

“I trudged back to the Mail in pouring rain and the same woman who’d seen me earlier told me: ‘If you have that much initiative then you should get your chance.’

“I was given fast-track experience in various departments: I had six months in promotions, six months in editorial, six months in advertising and so on – a crash-course in publishing.

“I then worked on supplements such as the Ideal Home Exhibition, the Motor Show, and Ski Show, liaising with editors and writers and getting a grounding on how advertising should not compromise editorial integrity. I still believe strongly in the rights of my editors to edit.

“I was also rubbing shoulders with greats in journalism such as Lynda Lee-Potter – a tiny woman with a big profile – Daily Mail boss Sir David English and top flight showbiz writers like Baz Bamigboye.”

Apart from the Mail on Sunday launch, which changed Sunday newspaper journalism, he also saw the launch of Eddy Shah’s Today with its colour production technology and low manpower costs.

The newspaper industry’s ‘Big Bang’ followed quickly, including the union-busting siege of Rupert Murdoch’s Wapping production fortress and a mass exodus of nationals from their historic homes on Fleet Street.

Paul recalls: “They were exciting times badly handled by both unions and management. It proved to me the need for good internal communications.”

After five years at the Mail, Paul was tempted back to Kent to by Adscene group boss Harry Lambert – a UK pioneer of through-the-door free newspapers in the 1970s – who needed a special publications manager.

Paul’s debut was masterminding a high-quality supplement to cover a visit by Princess Diana and Prince Charles to Canterbury.

“It was very different to anything Adscene had done before and given out on the streets as a souvenir,” said Paul. “I don’t think the management of the time really understood the quality approach though, so I decided to strike out on my own.”

He launched Kent Recruitment Weekly, the Drivetime motoring title, and pioneering listings mag The Word is Out, but then the 1990 recession struck: “That was when I got my business degree – the hard way.”



NEW CHAPTER: Adrian Jeakings, Archant Regional chief executive, with KOS MD Paul Stannard, right

Four years on he was negotiating a sale to EMAP publishing group, only to be told his old boss Harry Lambert might want the business, as Adscene was about to acquire arch rivals AKN from EMAP, plus other titles dotted around the UK.

The multiple deal was done, with Paul becoming development director charged with knitting together the hugely expanded group with the CEO, helping it from a half million profit to £3m in just over a year, before working as a group troubleshooter for outposts in the Midlands, Lincolnshire and then London.

Kent Regional Newspapers was eventually taken over by the Trinity Mirror group in 2001 and, finding himself back in the familiar troubleshooter role, Paul decided he didn’t want any more “living out of a suitcase”.

He took time away from the industry to set up a property portfolio, but the lure of the media proved too great. He put together a £2m investment and quickly recruited a team: “I worked with many good people, some of whom gave up really secure jobs to follow their ‘Pied Piper’ on a journey that took us to a string of national awards in just five years from Kent on Sunday’s launch in 2002.”

The secret, he said, was a free newspaper featuring quality editorial and circulated via readers picking up from newsagents, petrol stations and supermarkets – a model later copied across the country.

In 2005, Kent on Sunday became the first and only free newspaper to win the overall UK Regional Newspaper of the Year title from Press Gazette, prompting judge Philippa Kennedy to declare that KoS was so good, people really ought to pay for it.

“It was a good feeling,” said Paul. “Nobody gave us a chance at the start, but that allowed us to make good progress before rivals started taking us seriously. We mounted spectacular editorial campaigns, such as the Thames Estuary airport protest and opposition to the Wye Downs development.

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WINNERS: Paul, second left, with the KOS Media team at the Regional Press Awards

"We continue to be a David fighting in a world of Goliaths," said Paul. KOS Media was short-listed only recently for a major digital award along with giants including The Guardian and Daily Telegraph.

KOS Media has since added other weekend titles, a string of midweek local papers, magazines and several successful websites.

Cutting-edge web technology has also been developed, allowing KOS Media titles to be accessed and read online, or via mobile applications including those for the iPhone and now the iPad.

Paul, 46, said: "The death of newspapers has been predicted many times since the mid-70s, but we just seem to get alternative ways of accessing news rather than a direct replacement. As a media group, that means you must try to talk to everybody via every platform if you can. However, I do think the iPad will change the way we consume media."

So, if the company is thriving and innovating, why sell?

"Innovation can be expensive at the outset. Archant brings the confidence, financially and logistically, that comes from being part of a bigger concern and means, for instance, I can hand over 'back office' functions that prevent me being more hands-on with new developments.

"And Archant likes what we are about. Far from being perceived as a brake on our ambition, they have been a minority shareholder for several years already and want us to explore new opportunities which, they in turn may wish to introduce elsewhere.

"Archant's north Kent media assets are also a good fit with those of KOS Media, which tends to be stronger in the rest of the county."

When not working, Paul likes to spend time with his family, though he admits to holding a season ticket for West Ham United: "Dad went to the same school as Hammers and England captain Bobby Moore and West Ham is a part of our family."

PAUL STANNARD'S CV

- 1982 – went into the newspaper industry and experienced two launches, first with the Leader in Canterbury and then the vastly more successful Mail on Sunday
- 1987 – joined Adscene Group plc as special publications manager
- 1990 – left Adscene to set up own specialist publications firm with titles including Kent's ground-breaking listings title The Word is Out (1991)
- 1994 – sells his titles to Adscene Group plc and rejoins the company as development director of Kent Regional Newspapers
- 2001 – leaves Trinity Mirror plc and enters property development
- 2002 – launches Kent on Sunday
- 2010 – KOS Media acquired by Archant

PAUL'S TOP TIPS

- Persistence – "I gained my chance on Fleet Street by not being put off by the first knock-back. I returned the same day and was taken on. It was an experience that served me well."
- Flexibility – "Business is a continually moving environment and yesterday's business model can be tomorrow's recipe for disaster. You have to be alert, adapt and survive."
- New challenges – "When Trinity Mirror took over KRN and I was once more cast as group troubleshooter, I decided it was time for something fresh and went into property, then launched Kent on Sunday, seeking fresh challenges."
- Always respect your competitors – "You can always gain experience and knowledge from others."

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Budget consequences digested at breakfast

MORE than 200 business leaders from across Kent were told "the devil was in the detail" of new Chancellor George Osborne's debut Budget.

The warning came from Tunbridge Wells-based Creaseys accountants and tax advisers, where partner Mark Howard said: "The Budget release from the Revenue was several hundred pages long and many points only came out from reviewing this material."

He was speaking at a post-Budget breakfast summit called by Creaseys at the River Centre, Tonbridge, when guests also heard a speech by David Philpott, chairman of the Kent branch of the Institute of Directors (IoD).

Creaseys partner Elizabeth Robertson said the Budget had been good news generally for businesses with company tax rates falling, to support business, and to make the UK more competitive.

She also discussed the tax advantages of different business structures – choosing between a company or partnership or involving a company as a partner.

"Business structures are often thought of as static, whereas they should be dynamic and changed in line with circumstances and the fiscal environment," she said.



ADVICE: Creaseys' chief executive Emma Roberts with David Philpott of Kent IoD

Fellow partner Richard Holme said the increase in Capital Gains Tax (CGT) to 28 per cent was not as high as many had feared, but had come into effect at midnight on Budget night, making it harder to plan.

He also highlighted the increase in Entrepreneurs' Relief to £5 million and spoke of the importance of keeping within the strict criteria to ensure it can be claimed.

Mr Holme said there had been an increasing demand on Creaseys' tax team focusing on non-doms and non-residents, where tax rules have become harsher over the last two years and could get even tougher after the Government review planned for later this year.

IoD county chairman Mr Philpott said his organisation was delighted so many of its pre-Budget suggestions had been taken up by the coalition Government, leading to four out of five IoD members giving a thumbs up.

"As a nation, we have been living beyond our means, so deficit reduction is something that has to be top of the agenda," he said. "Having said that, the Government has recognised that it is business which will lead us out of the recession and that is reflected in the Budget."

The breakfast was free to attend but Creaseys asked for donations to its charity of the year, the Pickering Cancer Drop-in Centre in Tunbridge Wells. More than £400 was raised.

Creaseys has nine partners and about 90 support staff at offices in Lonsdale Gardens, Tunbridge Wells.

African flair on agenda of job skills conference

THE University of Greenwich at Medway is leading part of an international project to provide postgraduate students in sub-Saharan Africa with the skills and entrepreneurial flair demanded by employers.

The £4.5 million Education Partnerships in Africa (EPA) scheme was launched by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) in 2008 and is managed by the British Council.

The university's key role was highlighted this week when delegates from three Nigerian, one South African and three UK universities attended an Education Partnerships in Africa conference at the University of Greenwich school of engineering at Chatham Maritime.

It is hoped the project's findings will also assist development of post-graduate courses and skills training for students in the UK.

Professor Ndy Ekere, head of the university's school of engineering, said: "We are the lead partner in an 18-month EPA programme looking at the best approaches to embedding employability skills within postgraduate programmes."



AIMING HIGH: EPA conference delegates at Chatham Maritime



KING OF SHIRTS: Nick Wheeler

Shirt firm buttons down Bluewater as its 13th outlet

CHARLES Tyrwhitt is claimed to be Britain's biggest mail order shirt company, but it is also continuing ambitious retail expansion by opening a 1,500 sq ft store at Greenhithe's Bluewater shopping centre on Thursday .

It brings the total of Charles Tyrwhitt stores to 13, with prestigious outlets in Jermyn Street as well as New York City and Paris.

Founder Nick Wheeler – hailed as the 'king of shirts' by the Sunday Times – said: "We're really excited about the Bluewater opening. We have a very strong customer base in Kent and it's wonderful to be able to give them a store on their doorstep."

Business is booming for Charles Tyrwhitt, with sales of £65 million this year – up 30 per cent year-on-year.

Mr Wheeler, who will be attending the opening, said: "Our quality, attention to detail and commitment to providing the best value for money sets us apart.

"We are proud of our traditions and want to increase our visibility on the high street as well as ensuring our online customers have an enjoyable shopping experience."



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Yet another Eureka moment



NEXT PHASE: Artist's impression of the proposed Northdown II development

QUADRANT Estates has sold a major office development at Eureka Park in Ashford and started work on more offices – claimed to be the region's first such speculative venture since the recession.

Quadrant director Tristram Gethin said: "Recent infrastructure improvements in the county, a dearth of supply, and low rents compared with other parts of the South East mean Kent is viewed favorably in the market."

Herald

The latest sale is a 36,295sq ft headquarters building known as the Herald, acquired for £9.6 million by the Alhambra Group and leased to Smiths Medical International, which originally took two-thirds of the building last April, but now has a new deal on the whole.

Quadrant Estates' new speculative development is Northdown II, the second phase of the Northdown offices at Eureka Park and comprising two buildings of 15,000 and 10,000sq ft. The architect is Scott Brownrigg and work is expected to start at the end of the summer.

Northdown II will sit alongside the 1.64-acre development site recently sold to the Act Foundation.

This part of the site will form a new 40,000sq ft managed business centre facility for Basepoint.

Mr Gethin said: "The sale of Herald and new letting to Smiths is fantastic for Eureka Park and reinforces the message that new, Grade A office stock in Kent presents an excellent product for investors and occupiers alike."

The initial 51,000sq ft Northdown development was welcomed by local and regional occupiers and 100 per cent of the space is now committed.

Eureka Place, the adjacent retail offering for Eureka Park is now also fully let – the remaining 2,800sq ft went recently to three new retail occupiers.

Grant aid jobs boost for trio of companies

THREE successful businesses have gained grant aid to expand or relocate to the Ashford area in the past month after support from investment promotion agency Locate in Kent.



Paul Wookey

Fruit preserving business, the Wooden Spoon Company, is creating three jobs and gained the grant towards equipment, kitchens, warehousing and a freezer store at its Coldharbour Farm site in Wye.

Company MD Jeff Higgins describes the firm as fostering "a cluster of artisan excellence". It produces its own jams, chutneys and sauces by hand, but also processes rapeseed oil for Chapel Press, and bottles and distributes for the Fudge Kitchen.

The investment includes a new kitchen for Karimix UK, an ethnic range company moving into the building and producing Eastern chutneys, pastes, pickles, relishes and sauces.

This will create a further three jobs on-site.

Auto bodyshop supplier Malthouse Products has also recommitted to Ashford and plans to create three new jobs.

It was awarded £61,000 to assist in the building of an extension between its two units in Great Chart, which has boosted storage and lowered distribution costs.

Locate in Kent chief executive Paul Wookey said: "These success stories in Ashford just go to show how much our assistance and business grants can help.

"We'd encourage all companies with an investment project in mind to contact us to see if we can help.

"Kent businesses should be making the most of all opportunities available to them, particularly free advice and funding."

Back of the net on fun day

YOUNG footballers from Kings Hill enjoyed a World Cup-style soccer tournament at their end-of-season fun day.

The event was organised by Kings Hill FC, which has more than 220 members aged five-16, as well as a veterans' team.

Every player received a season trophy and Andrew Blevins, MD of Kings Hill developer Liberty Property Trust UK, presented two special awards.

The Liberty Trophy for Achievement went to Andy Alford's Under-13s team and the Liberty Trophy for Endeavour went to James Hoare's Under-10s Colts team.

"There are many families with young children at Kings Hill and it's great for us to have such a successful club here," said Mr Blevins.

"The people who run it are volunteers who give up their time to provide somewhere for the children to have fun, exercise and play safely, and we are delighted to support them."

Kings Hill FC has just received the FA Charter Standard Award, a best practice guide that sets standards of coaching, administration and child protection.



Picture: Kenneth Barber Photography

TEAMWORK: From left – Gillingham FC boss Andy Hessenthaler, James Hoare (Colts manager), Steve McKnight (Colts coach), Andrew Blevins and Dimitris Nalbantis (Colts coach)

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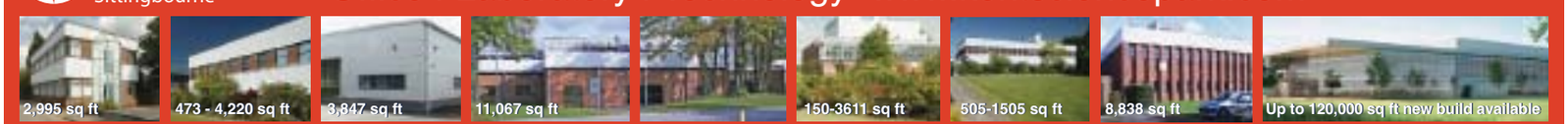
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Timeline

KOS Media sport takes a look at the highlights of all the sporting action from the last 50 years

1960 **50 YEARS AGO:** KENT'S game with Surrey at Blackheath petered out into a tame draw, with too much time lost to rain to make a positive result possible.

Surrey made 315 for 9 declared in their first innings, but if either side was favourites at the end of day two it was Kent. Richardson made 51, Cowdrey 77 and Leary a flamboyant 104 before he was caught by Parsons off Alec Bedser.

Kent declared on 350, but a late start on day three and some defensive batting from the visitors saw Stewart and Edrich reach 76 without loss at lunch.

The Times correspondent wrote: "It was not exhilarating entertainment for a handful of spectators, but no doubt it was useful batting practice for Surrey. Kent gave the impression of being lost in admiration of their own fielding."

1985 **25 YEARS AGO:** FORMER US masters and GA champion Raymond Floyd became the latest high-profile name to pull out of the 114th British Open at Sandwich, citing a "prior commitment".

US Open winner Andy North also withdrew, along with his compatriots Hubers Green, Gerry Pate and Jack Renner, adding to an already lengthy list of absentees headed by the veteran Arnold Palmer.

The Kent RFU supported a motion, proposed by Gloucestershire at the governing body's AGM, against a major structural overhaul of the game, saying: "Fitting a divisional competition into an already congested calendar would result in an unnecessary and unwarrantable burden on players and administrators alike."

2000 **10 YEARS AGO:** MARCUS Trescothick hammered Kent's bowlers for 71 runs from 88 balls as the county's long run of one-day success at Maidstone came to an end.

Min Patel was the only Kent bowler to take two wickets in the Somerset innings, finishing with 2 for 56 as the visitors made 295 for 7 from 45 overs.

Kent lost both David Fulton (13) and Rahul Dravid (10) cheaply as they began their chase, but a quickfire 28 from Mark Ealham preceded a 71-run partnership between Alan Wells and Matthew Walker that tilted the momentum back in Kent's favour.

When Walker was caught and bowled for 63 by Ian Blackwell, the game was effectively up however, and Kent were all out for 241 in the 41st over, suffering their first one-day loss at The Mote in 10 years.



Pictures: WASPS and IGOR KUPCO

Buzz over new coach

Ex-Wasps star joins Folkestone

FORMER London Wasps star Darren Molloy will head up a brand new rugby academy aimed to develop aspiring players in the county.

By **TOM HOWARD**

The 37-year-old former prop forward joined London South East 3 club Folkestone as head coach this week and will help teach promising young players at the club's new rugby academy.

The academy, which is expected to be launched next year, is to be introduced to attract players to the sport and develop young talent, alongside their curriculum studies at school. Recruitment for the academy will begin this season.

Molloy, who clocked up more than 300 appearances for former Premiership champions Wasps, is excited by the opportunity and believes rugby academies are crucial to developing the game both locally and nationally.

The European Cup winner is familiar with rugby in the county after coaching spells at Canterbury and Westcombe Park.

He said: "I think the problem with rugby at the moment and a lot of clubs is the lack of links for players to go forward. A lot of good players go off, don't come back to grassroots rugby and tend to drop out of the game. If the RFU are not careful it's going to get worse.

"Rugby needs to have a pathway. It's important for students to be able to further their education alongside playing rugby with the view of coming back to their local clubs or progressing to professional clubs. It's not a flash in the pan and we want the academy to run for many years to come.

"Unfortunately due to Kent's location we do struggle. We hear rumours of London Wasps maybe moving to Dartford and Saracens are looking to move this side of the Dartford Bridge, but until that happens then the link is missing, which is blow to a massive rugby-playing county like Kent."

COACH: Former Wasps player Darren Molloy

Picture: LARRY HICKMOTT/BRITISH CYCLING



UP FRONT: Kristian House in chasing pack

House loses British jersey to Sky

A YEAR on from taking the biggest title of his cycling career, Kristian House was unable to successfully defend his National Road Race title last weekend.

The rider from Aylesham, near Canterbury, stunned a world-class field to win in Wales 12 months ago, but could do little as Sky Pro Cycling dominated the 2010 race in Lancashire.

House came home in a creditable 13th place, meaning he can no longer wear the white jersey denoting him as national champion.

The field was again strong for the 112-mile race, with David Millar among the big names taking part. The Scot got into an early break, but they were quickly overhauled by the Sky team.

House led the chasing pack, but they were unable to bridge the gap to the leaders. In a sprint finish Geraint Thomas edged out team-mates Peter Kennaugh and Ian Stannard to complete an all-Sky top-three.



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Williams jumps into equestrian elite

VICTORY at the Hickstead Derby last weekend has put Guy Williams among Britain's showjumping elite after the Kent rider held his nerve in a tense jump-off.

The Derby, one of the premier equestrian events, had only seen 50 clear rounds in 50 years prior to last Sunday, but Williams, going out last, dashed Tina Fletcher's hopes of victory with a faultless ride.

Fletcher had earlier gone clear and looked like holding on for victory at the West Sussex course, but Williams, on board Skip Two Ramiro, sent the contest to a deciding round.

Once again, Fletcher cleared every fence but her caution allowed Williams, from Stelling Minnis, near Canterbury, to steal the prize as he bettered her time by 16 seconds to lift the trophy.

He said: "There was a lot of pressure [riding last]. I'd have preferred to go in the middle, but it's about beating the course so it doesn't really matter where you go. The only option she had was to try to jump clear and hope I hit something. I just kept thinking I needed to go clear, but I knew I'd already done it once.



HIGH: Guy Williams at Hickstead Derby

"I've been going there enough years so it was a really good feeling to win. In 50 years of jumping, there had only been 50 clear rounds and sometimes you win with four faults. It's the ultimate challenge for a horse."

Hickstead's toughest obstacle, Devil's Dyke, had given Williams problems previously, but the 39-year-old's construction of a replica at his home provided Skip Two Ramiro sufficient preparation to clear the triple-fence easily.

NBA call for Kent teen

Ryan Richards to play in US



DRAFTED: Ryan Richards will play at San Antonio Spurs

By STEVE TERVET

DRAFTED to the NBA by San Antonio Spurs last week, former Kent basketball player Ryan Richards is now eager to stay and test himself against the sport's biggest stars.

The first Brit to be selected since Joel Freeland in 2006, Richards' move to the Spurs should ensure he remains in the United States rather than being sent back to Europe to further improve his game.

Farnham-born Freeland was drafted by Portland Trail Blazers four years ago, but then encouraged to remain with Spanish side Gran Canaria – the club from which Richards has joined San Antonio.

The 19-year-old from Sittingbourne, who began his basketball career with the Kent Crusaders aged 12, is instead likely to spend time with the Spurs' development side, Austin Toros, who play in the NBA D-League.

Crusaders chairman Jesse Sazant, who coached the side until 2007, said: "San Antonio have a proven track record of spotting talent in Europe, developing players and providing quality coaching, so it's a good place for him to be if he wants to keep improving.

"In the second round [of the draft], you're not guaranteed a contract so that's still to be determined."

Richards, who was the 49th of 60 picks, declared himself available for the draft in April and his stock quickly rose following an impressive showing at the NBA Combine in Chicago.

At 6ft 11ins, the forward is a giant, even by NBA standards and his mum, Debbie Richards, who lives in Church Road, Sittingbourne, said he had always wanted to play on the biggest stage.

She said: "A lot of the European teams are coming on now but that was his dream. He didn't want to play in Europe, he wanted to be in the NBA. It's unbelievable, because this sort of thing doesn't really happen to everyone. Of course, I wanted him to get picked but I'm pleased he's going to a team where they work with the younger players.

"He started playing at 11 – his older brother Keenan came over from Jamaica and he played well. Ryan wanted to be as good as him, so that was the start of his interest. It's not all been plain sailing since then, he's had a few injuries but he's stayed focused."

The Spurs have lifted the NBA championship three times in the last seven years and they reached the Western Conference play-off semi-finals last season.

Should Richards feature for his new club in the summer league, his first game could be against Minnesota Timberwolves in Las Vegas on July 12.

Scotland makes it to St Andrews

ZANE Scotland will represent the county at the 150th Open Championship at St Andrews later this month after securing one of 12 spots in the prestigious competition this week.

The 27-year-old golfer, representing Prince's Golf Club near Sandwich, was one of nine golfers from Kent hoping to qualify for the prestigious tournament at the 36-hole final qualifying tournament held on Tuesday.

Scotland earned his place in the final shoot-out after coming through regional qualifying at the London Club two weeks ago. He went on to book his place in this year's Open by carding rounds of 66 and 71 at Fairmont St Andrews to finish in second place.



QUALIFIED: Zane Scotland

The appearance at St Andrews will be his second shot at The Open after becoming the youngest player ever to qualify for the event in 1999, at the age of 16.

"I've been playing well on the Challenge Tour, but this is my best round of the year. I've been waiting for it for a while," he said. "I missed out by a shot last year, so it's nice to get in. I've been working really hard on my game and it seems to be paying off."

Nevill Golf Club amateur Todd Adcock came perilously close to taking his place alongside the world's best players, missing out on a qualifying berth by one shot. The 25-year-old, a former English Amateur champion, was lying in tied second spot after a first round 68 at Fairmont St Andrews. However, after carding a 71 in his final round, he finished in fourth spot, just one shot behind the final qualifying position.

With only three qualifying spots available at each of the four final qualifying tournament venues, the remaining seven county golfers found the going tough.

Former European Tour professional Jamie Spence finished tied 14th at Ladybank. London Golf Club amateur Jerome Titlow finished in tied 35th place and Stonelees golfer Michael Davenport finished tied 56th at the same venue.

Bearsted professional Matt Ford could only finish in tied 28th spot at Fairmont St Andrews and London Club player Daniel Casey finished further back in tied 39th.

Rochester & Cobham Park golfer Michael Bush finished in tied 16th spot at Scotscraig, and Jordan Godwin (Rochester & Cobham Park) decided not to enter the competition.

The 150th Open Championship at St Andrews begins on July 15.



SIGNED UP: (Left to right) Klemen Bedenik, Cllr Bill Hayton, Fef Griffin
Picture Helen Cooper Acer Photoart

Coe says Slovenia link gives Kent 2012 experience

THE Slovenian Gymnastics Federation (SGF) have finalised their agreement to use Pegasus Gymnastics Club as their training base ahead of the 2012 London Olympics.

Klemen Bedenik, president of the SGF, signed the memorandum of intent alongside Fef Griffin, director of the Bearsted-based club and Cllr Bill Hayton, Kent County Council chairman, at last weekend's Pegasus Open.

Lord Sebastian Coe, London 2012 chairman, said: "This is great news for Kent. The excellent sporting facilities in Maidstone and Kent will help the Slovenian team train and prepare well for the London Games.

"It will also lead to a strong relationship between Kent and Slovenia and the development of sporting and cultural ties. This gives Kent a chance to get involved in the Games."

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NO PANIC: Lisa Dobriskey is confident she will qualify despite concerns over her fitness

Qualifying time Dobriskey's goal as Euros loom

LISA Dobriskey is confident she will be challenging for a medal at the European Athletics Championships despite questions surrounding her fitness.

The 27-year-old, 1500-metre runner took part in the UK Championships and European Trials at Birmingham last weekend but failed to automatically secure her spot in the Great Britain squad after finishing third in the final.

Dobriskey's preparations have been hampered by niggling injuries, but it is nothing new for the Ashford athlete, who overcame a back injury to win a silver medal at the World Championships this time last year.

The Great Britain squad for the European Championships, which begin on July 26, is announced on Tuesday.

Despite admitting not being fully fit, the reigning Commonwealth champion is optimistic of being included in the squad.

Nervous

She told the Press Association: "In terms of fitness I'm reasonably confident that, give me four weeks and I will be fine. But I wish things had run a bit smoother, I can't afford this stress all the time.

"I'm going to have to get a fast race under my belt. Hopefully I will do enough to get to the Europeans.

"I totally didn't feel ready in Birmingham. I was so nervous before the heats. I'm not race sharp, I've not done the speed sessions that I need to and a race like that, when it was so slow, my heart sank.

"I'm reasonably happy, I'm not over the moon but I'm not devastated."

Elsewhere at the trials, Blackheath & Bromley sprinter Montell Douglas reached the 100m semi-finals in her competitive return after recovering from a serious knee injury picked up in November.

Fellow club-mates Michael Skinner finished seventh in the 5,000m while Scott Overall failed to finish the 10,000m final.

Tonbridge Athletic Club athlete Tom Bosworth could be in with a shout of making the squad for the European Championships after finishing second in the 5,000m walk.

Jackson bids fail to impress Scally

Gills chairman says offers for striker 'unacceptable'

By **DAVID PRITCHARD**

GILLINGHAM have received several approaches for striker Simeon Jackson but none have been what chairman Paul Scally describes as "credible".

The 23-year-old has been the club's top scorer for the last two seasons and has long been linked with a move away from Priestfield.

Last season the club valued him at an optimistic level of about £1.5 million, 10 times the amount they spent bringing him from Rushden & Diamonds in January 2008.

Speculation

With Gillingham relegated back to League Two in May and Jackson out of contract next summer, speculation of a move away has increased in recent weeks. Norwich City and Peterborough are reportedly interested.

Scally revealed the club had received several bids for the star striker, but they were well short of the asking price.

He said: "There's been lots of speculation about him as we've all heard, but as of yet we've had no credible offers. Until that happens – if it happens – he's a Gillingham player and he understands that.

"Those that made the offer may not regard them as silly, but we as a board don't find them acceptable. I wouldn't say they were silly, just not acceptable. There have been several [clubs], but we had silly offers last year and he's still with us."

Picture: ADY KERRY



KITTED OUT: Andrew White modelled the new Gills home kit at Thursday's launch of new club sponsor, Automatic Retailing

The Gills chief stressed Jackson had never agitated for a move but stopped short of guaranteeing the Canada international will be at the club when the season starts next month.

"I would hope he's with us at the start of the season, but we've never stood in someone's way if they really want to move on," he said. "He would like to play at a higher level, as would most of the team, and clearly he's aware there is interest from some clubs. We just have to wait and see when the next few weeks progress."

Launch

Scally was speaking at the launch of the club's new shirt sponsors, Automatic Retailing. The firm, based in the North East, supplies wholesale confectionary to vending machines nationwide.

The contract is for an initial 12 months and replaces Kent Reliance Building Society (krbs), who had agreed a new contract with the club back in March.

The two parties agreed to part company a few weeks ago, but Scally felt it was not directly due to the club's relegation.

He said: "From our point no, but from their part obviously it was less attractive, but I don't think it was directly. They are in a difficult business themselves in the financial services market. They had two or three very good years with us, but we will continue to work with them on other projects."

The building society will continue to be associated with the club as a lower level sponsor.

Hess tells players they must shape up or ship out during pre-season

GILLINGHAM'S players were welcomed back to pre-season training this week with new boss Andy Hessenthaler preaching a simple message: impress or move on.

The squad trained together on Thursday for the first time since the club's relegation back to League Two.

After a light first session the intensity will gradually build towards the start of the season on August 7, with the Gills' first pre-season game away to Braintree Town next Friday.

Simon King was among the players who attended on Thursday. The centre-back has been out for almost a year with an ankle injury, but is making encouraging progress in his bid to return to fitness.

It will be some time before he joins in with the rest of the squad, but the 27-year-old underwent a light individual session.

Hessenthaler, who succeeded Mark Stimson in May, made it clear every member of the squad will be given the opportunity to prove their worth in pre-season. But with expectations of promotion back to League One at the first attempt high, the Gills boss cannot afford to carry any dead wood and will make up his mind quickly about who will line up in his squad.

He said: "I'm sure it will get to the stage where there will be players I don't fancy. If they're not in my plans I will tell them and see if we can move them on. There's no point having players who aren't going to be in your plans.

"They have all got to impress me. We're all under pressure because we want to get back up straight away. If they're good enough they will handle it, but they have got to go out and prove they want to be in the team."

The contracted players will be supplemented by a steady stream of triallists during pre-season. Several are likely to be given a run-out at either Braintree or Bromley next Saturday.

Hessenthaler has been impressed with the standard of players available as free agents, with many coming from Premier League academies. The best could be offered terms in the next few weeks.

The Gills boss said: "We haven't got the money to go out and buy players, so we have to look at those who have been released. Looking at the list there are players from big clubs and at our level they could do really well."

After a quiet summer for transfers, Hessenthaler expects to complete one or two deals next week, with Barnet striker John O'Flynn and Cardiff defender Darren Dennehy still in his sights.



PROGRESS: Simon King is back in training as he looks to return from ankle injury that has kept him out for almost a year

Picture: ADY KERRY

Oval opportunity

Clifford eyes return if t20 ticket sales are a success

Pictures: Clifford: ADY KERRY, Brit Oval: PA PHOTOS SURREY CCC

By GLENN PEARSON

KENT chief executive Jamie Clifford says the county's members and supporters will determine whether next week's money-making 'home' game at the Oval is a one off, or becomes a regular on the Spitfires' fixture calendar.

The county have negotiated a deal with Surrey County Cricket Club to host a Friends Provident t20 game against Essex at the Oval on Friday night, in the hope it will ease their well-documented financial woes.

When it was first announced last year, the club were keen to point out it would be a one off and admitted it was purely one of several measures they hoped would bring more money into the club.

Yet after witnessing a decrease in attendance figures for t20 this summer, which will hit the club hard as they look to overturn losses of £802,000 in the last financial year, Clifford, who took over as chief executive in March, hinted the Oval game could be repeated in the future.

He said: "The message to people who think this is a great idea is get to the Oval and give us a very hard decision to make about what to do in the future.

"We have always said it will be a one-off, but if the commuting public of Kent and the Kent faithful help us make it a success, we would have to look at the potential this provides us. The onus is on the fans to tell us what they think of the initiative."





ANNUAL EVENT? Jamie Clifford (left) says Kent Spitfires' Friends Provident t20 'home' game at the Brit Oval could be repeated next year if sales of tickets are a success

Friday's game will be the first time Kent have staged a match outside the county. While hopes of filling the 23,500 capacity ground in Kennington, London, may have been unrealistic, the county's hopes of attracting a crowd close to that figure have been somewhat dented by what's proved to be a chaotic fixture schedule this summer.

Clifford, who has been criticised in some quarters for increasing ticket prices this season in a bid to improve the club's dire financial position, sympathises with supporters struggling to meet the cost of attending every game, and hopes changes will be made to meet those concerns next season.

"A little bit of sensible structure would go a long way to mitigating a lot of the disappointment everybody has been feeling about t20," he said. "In a way we have ourselves to blame because it was the counties that said we would like more games, so it's a case of 'you've asked for it and now you've got it'.

"If we sold the [Oval] out it would be an amazing result financially, but we have to be realistic and it's unlikely we will fill the ground unless everything's on that game in a 'do or die' scenario, which it could still be.

"What I am doing at the moment is not trying to find a single solution because we have a massive challenge on our hands.

"This is one of just a number of initiatives that we have to take to try and change our fortunes."

• ***Friday's game against the Essex Eagles starts at 5.30pm. Tickets can be purchased at www.kent-ccc.co.uk or call 01227 456886.***

Youngsters give Pakistan a workout

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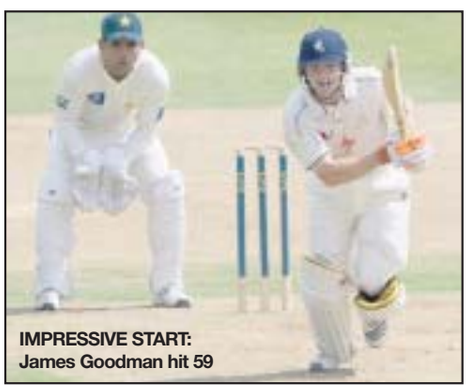
DEBUT: Mark Lawson took six wickets on his Kent bow

AN INEXPERIENCED Kent side performed admirably in holding Pakistan to a draw at St Lawrence this week.

Youngsters Chris Piesley and James Goodman both impressed on their first-class debuts for the county, with Piesley hitting 43 in the second innings and Goodman registering a battling 59.

While the likes of Rob Key, Martin van Jaarsveld and Geraint Jones were all given the week off, it gave James Hockley, Alex Blake and Paul Dixey a run out in a side skippered by former Pakistan international Azhar Mahmood.

Robbie Joseph and Dewald Nel both made their long-awaited returns after missing the majority of the season, while former Yorkshire leg-spinner Mark Lawson came in and picked up six wickets on his debut.



IMPRESSIVE START: James Goodman hit 59



Picture: IGOR KUPCO

SOUND MOVE: Clubs like The Mote are all for a full-time switch to win-lose cricket

Skippers in call to scrap draws in Kent League

WITH the Kent League Premier Division adopting rules used at county and international level for the second-half of the season, captains are now asking for the changes to be made permanent.

Last year's successful experiment of scrapping draws after the mid-point of the campaign prompted the clubs to propose the use of powerplays – a switch which comes into force from next Saturday.

The Mote captain Tom Harvey feels the changes are a necessity if the standard of club cricket in Kent is to follow the trends set at county level.

He said: "I can't understand why you wouldn't want to mimick international cricket if you're aspiring to improve. When we had a meeting in the winter, a lot of the captains said teams were playing more aggressively, even in the first-half of the season.

Discretion

"All 10 teams seemed in favour of having it all season, but due to funding, the ECB said they were not going to do that."

The powerplay system means fielding captains can only have two men outside the 30-yard circle for the first 10 overs and two further five-over blocks must then be taken at the captain's discretion later in the game.

St Lawrence & Highland Court have enjoyed a superb start to the season, but their captain, Lewis Jenkins, also welcomed the introduction of powerplays as well as the move to 'win-lose' cricket, which takes the draw out of the equation.

He said: "Up to this point, you could play really well and only get a winning draw, which leaves you feeling a bit cheated. Now though, it promotes positive cricket and batsmen have to look to score quickly.

"When you're playing sides who are not so strong, teams might hold off using the powerplay until the perceived weaker batsmen are in. In that respect, it's different to international cricket because there are no weak links there."

Surtees' death a 'devastatingly tragic' accident

ALMOST a year on from the tragic death of Kent racer Henry Surtees, results from an in-depth investigation has deemed the incident a "freak accident".

The 18-year-old driver from Edenbridge, near Sevenoaks, died during a Formula Two race at Brands Hatch on July 18 last year after being struck on the head by an errant wheel at 120mph.

The accident involving the son of ex-Formula One world champion John Surtees came just hours after the teenager recorded his first-ever podium finish. He was airlifted to Royal London Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

A full investigation was completed in the months after the accident by Formula Two Championship organiser Motorsport Vision, motorsport governing body FIA and F2 car designer Williams Engineering, but up until now results of the investigation had never been released.

However, after we contacted MotorSport Vision chief executive Jonathan Palmer this week prior to the sixth round of the Formula Two Championship at Brands Hatch on July 18, he revealed the results of the investigation.

He said: "We were involved and the FIA were involved in the investigation, and essentially it was recognised to be tragically a freak accident.

"There was no finger pointing at anything in particular.

"As we know from Formula One, wheel tethers have no guarantee that the wheel will never come off. It was just devastatingly tragic the wheel came across the track into Henry's path.

"There was no case of any negligence and the question that followed after it was 'can we learn anything from it?' as with any accident. It was the most awful thing and we will endeavour to keep trying to make racing as safe as possible."

Changes have since been made to the Formula Two cars in the months after the crash. Wheel tethers, a system which should enable wheels to stay attached to the car after a big impact, were upgraded to the level seen at the pinnacle of single-seater racing in Formula One.

Palmer also confirmed that a tribute to Surtees will be held when the F2 series comes to Brands in two weeks.



TRAGIC: Henry Surtees with Brands Hatch owner Jonathan Palmer before the accident that claimed his life at the circuit last year

He said: "There is a huge amount of sorrow about Henry and he will never be forgotten. It's devastating for John and his wife Jane and we will certainly be sharing a moment for Henry at the race weekend."

Nuts and Bolts suspended over debts

ASHFORD Town chairman Don Crosbie has vowed the club will start the new league season despite being suspended by the Football Association for debts owed to two Kent sides.

The FA sanctions prevent the club from signing players or even taking part in pre-season friendlies until the debts are settled.

They arose from outstanding payments dating back to last season to Dover Athletic for the loan of Craig Cloke, and Ebbsfleet United for Jamie Forshaw and Steven Springett.

An FA spokesman said: "Ashford Town were initially put under a registrations embargo due to their failure to pay money owed to two clubs for loan players.

"This was subsequently extended to a suspension from all football on June 18. The suspension and embargo will be both lifted as soon as the debts are paid."

Crosbie, who is in dispute with co-owner Tony Betteridge over the running of the club, has moved to calm fears the Nuts and Bolts would not start the Ryman South season next month.

The Town chairman insists Dover have been paid and debts owed to the Fleet will be settled before the start of the season.

He said: "There was a dispute over the wages for two players from Ebbsfleet United. I believe the wrong amount was put down by the club secretary, which was different to the fee agreed by [manager] Steve Lovell, but it looks like we have got to pay £2,000. [The FA] have said Dover haven't been paid for their loan player, but they have and we have got confirmation of that.

"I will pay it and as long as it is paid in the next six weeks then it won't be a problem."

The sanctions are separate to the club's winding-up proceedings, lodged by Betteridge which were adjourned in the High Court on Wednesday.

Following the hearing, Crosbie has been given until July 14 to submit written evidence. Betteridge will then have until July 28 to submit his evidence before a pre-trial review will take place after August 11.

Crosbie claims during the winding up process the club were not able to pay any bills, but he is now in a position to do so which allows the club to clear the debt owed to Ebbsfleet.

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BATTLE: Ashford Town chairman Don Crosbie says the club will fight on

FA POST-MORTEM TO DECIDE FABIO'S FATE

Kent chief to join talks on future of England boss after dire World Cup

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EXCLUSIVE

By **GLENN PEARSON**

THE HEAD of the Kent County Football Association will take his place on the FA national board of directors in the next week or so to decide on Fabio Capello's future as England boss.

Kent chairman Barry Bright, who also holds the position of vice-chairman of the Football Association, will meet, perhaps as early as next week, to discuss the Italian's future and pick the bones out of what was a fruitless World Cup campaign which saw England exit after a humiliating 4-1 defeat to Germany.

In an exclusive interview with Kent on Sunday, Bright said the FA will take stock of what happened in South Africa before deciding what course of action to take.

"I was as expectant as probably the vast majority of people in this country," he said. "People forget that despite positions you may hold in the game, you are still a supporter and deep down you have the same disappointment as everybody else.

"In the due course of time the board of directors of the FA will make a decision they believe is in the best interest of English football. As a member of the board of directors I will be involved, but that discussion has not yet taken place.

"There are times you need to take a deep breath and then at the right time you make decisions. The departure of the chairman of the FA was conducted in exactly the same manner and we will do the same again and hopefully reach what is the right decision."

Several influential members within the FA, such as Sir Trevor Brooking and Bolton chairman Phil Gartside, have already given Capello their backing and believe the 64-year-old is still the right man to lead the country to qualification for the European Championships in 2012.

Whether the former AC Milan coach is the man to do that or not, Bright insists once a decision is made, the focus must then be on qualification for the European Championships in the Ukraine and Poland in 2012.





WHAT NEXT?: Barry Bright will join the FA board to discuss the future of Fabio Capello (pictured with John Terry) and the England team's abysmal performance at the World Cup in South Africa

"We start the long trek to qualify for the Ukraine and Poland and that starts within weeks," he said. "We have to look forward, you can't look back because you can't undo what happened. People will look back in the history books and will see in Bloemfontein it says Germany 4 England 1.

"You can talk for evermore about a ball that hit the underside of the crossbar and went over the line, but at the end of the day it's history and you have to get over it.

"For England supporters that is difficult and as one myself I understand that."

Frank Lampard's goal that never was has been a big talking point since England were dumped out of the tournament, and Fifa president Sepp Blatter has since apologised to the FA.

Blatter has also agreed to look again at implementing goal-line technology in the wake of England's misfortune, and while it's a huge U-turn on Blatter's part, Bright, who supports the idea of technology, has warned there are others among Fifa who will oppose it.

He said: "It's something I personally believe should be introduced for goal-line matters only. I do stop at that point. I don't like the idea of the game stopping to decide on free-kicks, off-sides, etc, and I don't think supporters would like that either.

"I think that would be fair but there is still a long way to go on this, it's not only the president of Fifa who has been opposed to it, there are others.

"It might be that it's only introduced in certain competitions and who knows, they may ask the Premier League to experiment with it and see how it goes. The door has opened a little bit, because before it was firmly shut."

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